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STRONGLY DEPRECATES OPPOSITION TO MINISTER

News Advertiser, Leading Conservative Daily of Province, Suggests That No Opposition Be Offered Hon. William Templeman.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 29.—The News-Advertiser, the leading Conservative daily of the province and the organ of the president of the council, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, this morning editorially strongly deprecates any opposition to Hon. Mr. Templeman in Comox-Atlin. The editorial follows:

"The vacancy in the representation of the constituency of Comox-Atlin, caused by the retirement of the sitting member, Mr. W. Sloan, has led to a feeling on the part of some Conservatives that the seat should be contested.

"It does not, however, appear to be probable that this will be the case, but on the contrary it is likely that Hon. Mr. Templeman, on whose behalf it is understood that Mr. Sloan retired, will be elected without a contest.

"It has been stated that a considerable number of Liberals in the constituency resent the course that Mr. Sloan has taken and will give proof of that by either abstaining from casting their votes for Hon. Mr. Templeman or giving their support to the Conservative candidate. We are not inclined to give much credence to that view. It is understood that before resigning his seat Mr. Sloan made a canavss of the more important and populous parts of the constituency and ascertained that the bulk of the Liberals was quite in accord with the contemplated action.

"It is not difficult to understand that residents of the constituency appreciate the value of being represented in parliament by a member of the federal cabinet, especially as he is head of a department in the administration that has to do with one of their most important local industries. We should infer, therefore, that in the event of a contest Hon. Mr. Templeman would receive the full party vote and possibly even a small support from the electors not generally in political sympathy with him.

"Nor can we see any particular advantage that the Conservatives would gain by contesting the seat. The general election has returned Sir W. Laurier to power with a substantial majority and even a Conservative victory in Comox-Atlin would have no practical effect on the position of two political parties or yield any substantial reward for the expense and effort which the contest would entail in such a large and scattered constituency as Comox-Atlin.

"Beside these considerations the fact that if Hon. Mr. Templeman were defeated British Columbia would be without a representative in the federal cabinet is a matter that will have considerable weight with the electors, Conservative as well as Liberals, while there always is a feeling more or less prevalent that it is scarcely a generous thing to oppose a candidate under such circumstances as those connected with this particular case.

"There are other considerations of somewhat more personal nature that will have their weight with not a few Conservatives in reaching a decision on the question. Hon. Mr. Templeman undoubtedly lost his seat for Victoria because he was the candidate of a government which on one question was entirely out of sympathy with a large number of voters. The minister of mines personally has many friends in both parties of good repute, and has never been mixed up in any scandals. He has shown himself anxious to further the mining industry in the province and his defeat would be regarded by many as a loss to it that should not be disregarded for mere party considerations."

PROCEEDS TO COMOX ATLIN

HON. MR. TEMPLEMAN LEAVES FOR DISTRICT

Together With Mr. Sloan He Goes North to Conduct His Campaign.

Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of Mines, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan, and by Mr. Templeman's secretary, Mr. Nicholas, arrived in Victoria last evening, and left this morning on a tour of the district of Comox-Atlin.

Questioned with regard to his candidature for that riding Hon. Mr. Templeman stated that Mr. Sloan's action in resigning the seat had been done after conferring with various organizations and electors generally, and had made it possible for the province to retain the portfolio of mines and inland revenue. Sir Wilfrid had expressed a desire to retain him as a member of his cabinet and Mr. Sloan's generous action had made that possible.

"Since my defeat in the city of Victoria at the recent general election by a very narrow majority," he said, 'a very general desire has been expressed in British Columbia, by Liberals and Conservatives alike, that I should remain in office, to carry on the work of the mines department, particularly in the interests of the province.

"British Columbia is just coming into its own. Besides being the largest in area of all the provinces of the Dominion, it is the most richly endowed in natural wealth. With its marvellous resources still practically undeveloped, and with a relatively small population, there is a vast work to be done by governments, as well as by the people, and this work is now pressing upon us.

"I desire to have the great privilege of continuing to do my share in assisting in the development of British Columbia, by encouraging the building of railways; improving the navigation of coastal waters; developing and perpetuating the fisheries; extending and improving transportation, telegraphic and postal facilities, and generally in aiding every enterprise that will have for its object the betterment of conditions for the people, individually as well as collectively.

"The last twenty-five years has belonged to Southern British Columbia; the next twenty-five will belong to the central and the northern portions of the province. The completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Prince Rupert, with branches north and south, and the extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway on Vancouver Island, will usher in a new era, and bring greater responsibilities to us all. The great development that will undoubtedly follow will be very largely in Comox-Atlin, and I feel assured that I can do a great deal to accelerate the progress of that electoral district, and ensure the permanent welfare of its present and future citizens."

He added that he abstained from references to political issues or partizan questions. They were not needed. The general election has determined that for the next five years Canada should be governed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues.

"I believe," he said, "that the electors of Comox-Atlin are more immediately concerned in domestic affairs. I am sure they will agree with me that the opening up and settlement of Comox-Atlin, and the development of its great natural resources, constitute the question of all questions of immediate concern to the people of the district. It was with this conception in my mind that, with the assistance of Mr. Sloan and the other British Columbia members, I was able to induce the government to give very generous assistance to railways which would open up the inaccessible districts of our province, and which, I hope, will be productive of the results we all earnestly desire."

Hon. Mr. Templeman is suffering from a painful attack of lumbago, but is otherwise in the best of health.

TELEGRAPHERS WANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY

(Special to the Times).

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—A petition for an eight-hour day and no overtime is now in circulation among the operating telegraphers of the Canadian Pacific railway and Canadian Northern railway system throughout Canada, and will be presented to parliament at the present sitting of the House.

EARTHQUAKES CONTINUE IN MEDITERRANEAN ZONE

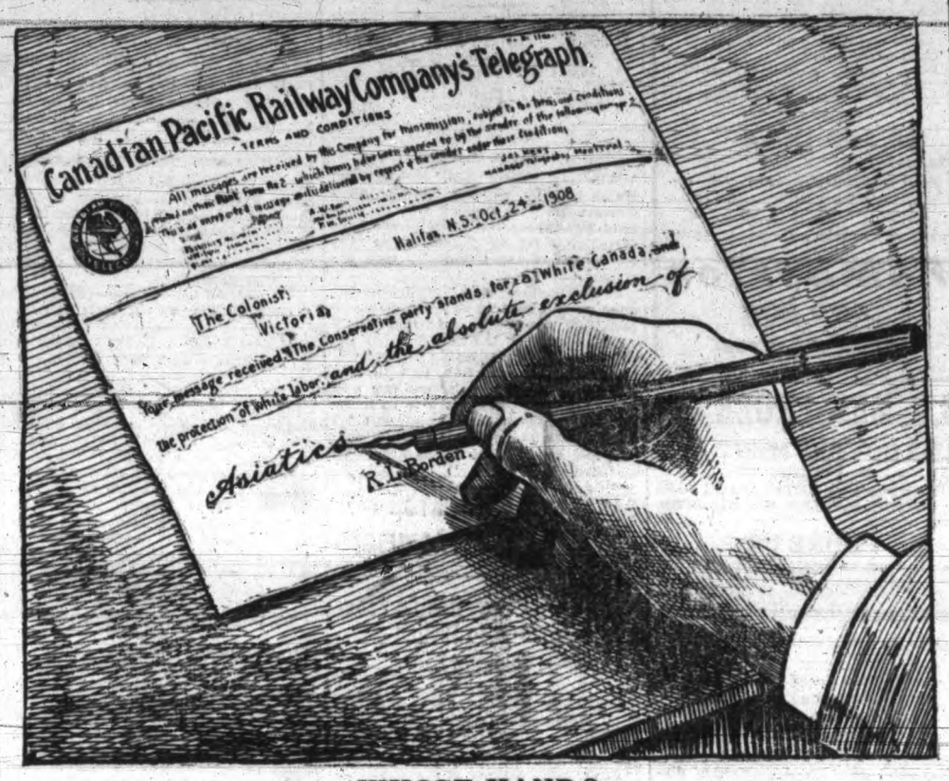
Catania Experiences Slight Shocks Which Do No Damage.

Catania, Jan. 29.—Slight earthquakes continue to be recorded daily at Messina, but they do no damage.

Edmund Billings, representative of the Massachusetts relief committee, having found that the population between Messina and Laormina was in dire distress, has been devoting his energies recently to their relief. A number of survivors of the earthquake suffering from wounds were received at the Vatican hospital to-day. They were brought from Messina and Reggio by the Spanish steamer Catalonia, sent out by the Spanish government.

A HANGING IN U. S. A.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 29.—Dave Edwards was hanged in the county jail here yesterday for the murder of J. W. Davis.



WHOSE HAND?

BORDEN'S FORGED TELEGRAM DENOUNCED BY PRESS

Toronto News Calls for an Exposure of Culprits ---Duty of Conservative Leader is to Publicly Proclaim Guilty Persons

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—The Free Press this morning says: The telegram with R. L. Borden's name to it, which was published during the Dominion election campaign by the Victoria Colonist, the chief Conservative paper on the coast, was printed in the form of a facsimile, which shows that it was a photograph reproduction of a typewritten message on a telegraphic blank, signed by R. L. Borden. The Colonist in printing it declared that it was a facsimile of the telegram it received in reply to its request that Mr. Borden should define his position on the Japanese question. The Victoria Times has just reproduced that facsimile, which announces over Mr. Borden's name that "the Conservative party stands for the exclusion of all Asiatics." That was what caused Hon. Mr. Templeman's defeat, and secured other Conservative successes in British Columbia. It was widely used in that province.

Mr. Borden now denies having sent any such telegram and the Colonist professes to be utterly unable to say how the words quoted got into its photographic facsimile. Should not Mr. Borden, leader of a party which profits by that performance, leave off talking loftily about any honesty or purity in politics long enough to find out, and then publicly proclaim, who was guilty of forging his name.

Most Contemptible.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Free Press says: It was a remarkable coincidence that the night which saw Hon. Mr. Templeman leave on a campaign for his re-election in British Columbia should witness the exposure of the plot by which he was robbed of his seat in Victoria, which plot was, without exception, one of the most contemptible ever hatched in Canadian politics.

A Deliberate Forgery.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The News (Conservative), says: The alteration of Mr. Borden's telegram, declaring his attitude towards Japanese immigration, was an ugly transaction. In plain words it was a deliberate forgery and the culprits ought to be exposed.

BORDEN SILENT FOR A MONTH

OTTAWA AGAIN HEARS OF FORGED TELEGRAM

Toronto Globe Criticizes Tory Leader for Delaying Repudiation.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—In the Commons this afternoon R. L. Borden, on a question of privilege, called attention to an editorial in the Toronto Globe criticizing him for not sooner repudiating the forged telegram in the Victoria Colonist. The editorial said that though he was made aware of the alteration of his telegram, yet he had allowed three months to go by without putting himself right with the public.

Mr. Borden said he had said he had not been made aware of the alteration in the telegram, as published by the Colonist, until after his return from Virginia last month. He had at once called the attention of the Colonist to the matter and had received a reply that no one responsible for the editorial management of the paper had caused the change. The management of the paper was still making enquiries as to the real culprit.

"Had I known of the 'misstatement' of the Colonist during the campaign I would at once have put myself right," said Mr. Borden. "I am no more responsible for the misstatement in the Colonist than I am for the misstatement in the Globe."

EXPLANATION IS STILL AWAITED

THE GREAT SILENCE REMAINS UNBROKEN

Vocal Chords of the Colonist Are Still in Paralyzed Condition.

The Great Silence of the Colonist on the subject of the forged Borden telegram threatens to become chronic.

When the grey dawn breaks to-morrow, one exact week will have elapsed since the blow fell which paralyzed the vocal chords of the venerable organ and sealed its trembling lips.

Seven days of high fever, and no rash on the sufferer yet!

In the meantime, finding that the Colonist shows no disposition to explain its action, notwithstanding Mr. Borden's plain hint in the House that he expected some explanation, it is understood a number of prominent Conservatives are bringing pressure to bear on the paper in question to institute some sort of inquiry.

To fasten the guilt in such a case should be a very simple matter. The procedure in the case of the delivery of special dispatches to newspapers is well known to all who are engaged in journalistic work. The possibility of the contents of a special becoming known before delivery are very remote, the method of protecting its contents from general knowledge being quite different from that prevailing in the case of ordinary Associated Press dispatches. The latter are delivered in unenclosed sheets to the telegraph editor by the messenger boys of the telegraph company, as they are received.

In the case of special dispatches like that of Mr. Borden's, this is not done. The special, as soon as transcribed by the operator, is enclosed in an envelope, which is sealed, and in this form is delivered to the telegraph editor. In his absence it goes to any other responsible employee, or possibly to those higher in authority. But whoever takes the message must sign his initials, indicating the due receipt of the dispatch together with the hour it was delivered. This is for the protection of the telegraph company.

This course would undoubtedly be the one taken in the case of Mr. Borden's dispatch to the Colonist. The latter, therefore, should be able in a very short time by a scrutiny of the receipt form to locate the recipient of the telegram. From this it should be an easy step to identify the culprit from whose red hands came the garbled document which finally was placed in the hands of Mr. Barnard and the Empire typewriter upon which it was done.

There are still over twenty-four hours left before the Sabbath—the day of reflection, repentance and editorial sermonettes. The Times, with the general public, awaits with eagerness some sign of explanation or of repentance. If the Colonist declares itself unequal to the task of unravelling the mystery, the Times, while averse to doing so, will simply be compelled to aid its contemporary in its extremity.

WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Railway Commission to Sit in Victoria on February 27.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 29.—The railway commission heard several minor complaints and adjourned the sittings in the east. The commission definitely decided on the following dates for sittings in the west: Winnipeg, Feb. 1st to 10th; Regina, Feb. 11th and 12th; Medicine Hat, Feb. 15th and 16th; Calgary, Feb. 17th and 18th; Edmonton, Feb. 19th and 20th; Vancouver, Feb. 23rd to 26th; Victoria, Feb. 27th; Nelson and Lethbridge, first week in March. Commissioners Mills and McLean and Traffic Officer Hardwell are all who will go west.

W. H. TAFT REACHES PANAMA.

Colon, Jan. 29.—The cruiser North Carolina, with W. H. Taft on board, was sighted off this port at 7 a.m. to-day.

EARL MORLEY IS COMING TO CANADA

New York, Jan. 29.—Earl Morley, who is on his way to Canada to visit Earl Grey, the governor-general of the Dominion, was a passenger on the steamer Mauretania, which arrived to-day from Liverpool and Queenstown.

JOHN OLIVER RIDDLES GOVERNMENT RECORD

Retarding Development---Revenue From Natural Sources Decreasing---Bowser the Inflexible and the Fishery Tangle---Investigation Demanded.

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 28.

Red-hot shot was poured into the government entrenchments to-day, and in spite of the apparent great strength of its position there is reason to believe that a breach has been made in its defences, which will ere long become practicable and admit the Liberal party to the citadel, from whence they may administer the affairs of the province wisely and in the best interests of the people at large.

John Oliver, of Delta, the first lieutenant of the opposition leader, was the speaker, the only one of the day, and delivered a speech which extorted the admiration of political adversaries, as it received the unstinted applause of his own side. Every feature of the government policy was assailed with irrefutable arguments, backed by figures from government sources and facts that are common property. Coming from an agricultural community and himself one of the most successful farmers in the province, Mr. Oliver gave a good deal of attention to provincial affairs as they affect the settler, exposing the weakness and ill-effects of the McBride government's land and timber policies, and contrasting them with the statesmanlike proposals of the Liberal party for dealing with these sources of natural wealth.

The position was put very clearly by Mr. Oliver in the suggestion that the government policy is allowing land and timber speculators to get such a hold on the lands and forests of the province that it will be shortly in a worse condition that ever Ireland was. Instead of the revenue from natural resources increasing, as Conservative speakers in the debate have asserted, the member for Delta proved from the public accounts that there has been actually a decrease. At the same time there has been an alarming increase in the last fiscal year in the amount of land held for speculation only, to the exclusion of the genuine settler and lumberman.

Mr. Oliver was particularly effective in his references to the attorney-general. Mr. Bowser is not thin-skinned, and is too good a politician to mind attacks, but he grew visibly restless under the hammer-like blows of the member for Delta. His administration of the fishery laws was reviewed in detail. Mr. Oliver charged that the attorney-general had deliberately framed his regulations and instructed his officers to act in such a manner as would precipitate a conflict between the province and the Dominion, but that when he got the chance he did not dare take his legislation to the Privy Council for a decision as to its constitutionality.

Serious charges were made by Mr. Oliver concerning the conduct of the proceedings in the cases tried at New Westminster, and as to the capacity of the magistrate to deal with them. The proceedings he declared disgraceful and un-British, and the magistrate incapable by reason of age. He demanded an investigation into these charges from the attorney-general, as he had had already demanded one from the premier in vain.

"I do not have to look for grievances; they are thrust upon me by Conservative speakers and press," said Mr. Oliver, in reference to the comforting reflections of government supporters that even such an experienced critic as he would not be able to find anything against the administrative work of the past year. In fact Mr. Oliver found so many grievances that are voiced by Conservatives that life must be a burden, as he said.

The galleries were crowded all afternoon, and the occupants rivalled the members of the House in close attention to Mr. Oliver during the two hours and a quarter that he spoke.

There was little routine, and the hon. gentleman began to speak very shortly after the House met.

Consideration for Members.

I rise mainly for two reasons—said Mr. Oliver. In the first place, a year ago, when I refrained from inflicting a speech on the House, my good example was followed by the attorney-general, but during the session he inflicted upon the members by instalments the same lengthy speech which he had prepared to deliver on the address. It is to avoid that series of inflictions upon the House this session that I rise now in the endeavor to induce him to make his speech at this time. My second reason is that there are many important questions of policy which should receive attention from this House at this session. (Hear, hear.) I must compliment the mover of the address on what I believe is his maiden effort in this legislature, I had the privilege of travelling through the constituency which he represents last year.

Mr. Bowser—In the Dominion election.

Mr. Oliver—The attorney-general cannot get the Dominion out of his head, whatever else he may retain in it. (Laughter.) Having gone through the beautiful valley of the Columbia I think it is to be regretted that my friend (Mr. Parson) has allowed two sessions to elapse without calling the attention of the House to the immense resources and capabilities of the valley. (Hear, hear.) It possesses a great deal of valuable agricultural land, and at an elevation of 3,000 feet has produced excellent fruit. Its scenery cannot be surpassed in the world for majesty and grandeur.

How to Get Cheap Coal.

I have to compliment the seconder (Mr. Davey) not so much upon the alleged facts contained in his speech as upon the manner in which he made use of them. The matter of that speech was only too evidently supplied from outside sources. Some of his most important figures and deductions are not in exact accordance with the facts. In the course of his speech the hon. gentleman said it would tax the imagination of even the member for Delta to find a grievance against the government. He must himself be more able to do so than I am, because he did not finish without finding a grievance against the government which he supports, as to the price of coal here, as compared with what it sells for in other places across the line. He said it sold in Seattle, freight and duty paid, at less than it does here. There is a reason for that. At the Conservative convention in Revelstoke in 1902 one of the planks adopted, and upon which they were elected in the following year, was that in every coal area there should be reserved a portion so that state mines could be operated. But in the records we find that when they had a chance every member on that side voted against it in the House.

This was a real grievance, such a grievance that a resolution was introduced by one of the Vancouver members last session calling on the Dominion to investigate. We on this side took the stand that it was a matter for the province to deal with and proposed that a committee of this House should be appointed to examine into the facts and devise a remedy without delay. But Mr. Davey, with the other Conservative members, voted down this proposition to bring the facts to the light of day. Are his present remarks to be considered in earnest in view of his record?

A Conditional Coal Tax.

I think this House is in duty bound to remedy that state of affairs, and the remedy is to be found in the government amending the Mines Act to the effect that there shall be imposed a tax, in addition to the present tax, of one dollar a ton on all coal exported, to be rebated in full conditional on the operators satisfying the government that coal is being supplied to the consumers in British Columbia at as low a price as to those outside. (Hear, hear.) Thus the legislature has the remedy in its own hands. The policy was adopted in regard to timber and would work as successfully in regard to coal. The other side has rejected our proposals in this matter; we may now expect the support of the second member for Victoria, if we propose a resolution later in the session, demanding that the government take this step.

Mr. Hayward's criticism.

The member for Cowichan also had a complaint to make against his own government. No member has offered more severe criticism of the government than he has. When the school act was before the House we took decided objection to many of its features, but the government said the matter had been given full consideration. Yet the next session, after the act had been in operation only six weeks we found them bringing down a bill of 87 sections to amend a bill of a little over 100 sections. Every objection made by the member for Cowichan is valid, and I endorse what he has said in the matter. It was once proposed that the municipalities have power to raise a personal property tax for school purposes, but it was found that the machinery was so cumbersome that the cost of its operation would be more than the tax would bring in.

Revenue From Natural Sources.

The seconder attributes the increased revenue to development of natural resources. If he had analyzed the public accounts he is too honest to have made this statement, so his figures must have been supplied to him. He told us that the revenue from timber licenses, including fees and penalties, amounted to $2,302,000 as against $1,263,000, and from royalties to $304,000 as against $206,000. These figures are inaccurate to a considerable extent." Instead of an increase of $98,000 in royalties there was a decrease of $23,000, a difference of $121,000 on this item alone.

The increases in revenue are derived from four sources principally. In timber licenses there is an increase of $1,125,000. Can it be argued that the alienation of our timber assets to an extent so great is to be credited to the development of the natural resources? The increase is simply an advance of so much greater a sum than the year before by timber speculators to secure a hold on resources to be exploited in the future. There was an increase of $115,000 in the annual subsidy from the Dominion and besides there was the special subsidy of $100,000. There was a most extraordinary increase of $326,000 from the Chinese head tax. Was that a development of natural re-

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FOG ENVELOPED LONDON.

London, Jan. 29.—Yesterday was the third day that London has been hidden in a pall of yellow fog, which has caused a complete disorganization of traffic and business of all kinds. Pleasure resorts are practically deserted, and shopkeepers and restaurants are suffering heavy losses. The theatres are doing only a small fraction of their customary business, while there have been several strenuous jewellery and other robberies.

OTTAWA BONDS SOLD.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The sale of $966,040.90 of civic 4 per cent. debentures was concluded yesterday. The Ontario Securities Company, of Toronto, took the whole issue at the rate of 99.81. The currency of the bonds varies, the most of them being for 20 to 30 years and a few forty years. There were 13 tenders and but $18.37 difference between the two highest.

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A GRUESOME FIND.

Workmen Find Dismembered Skeleton While Excavating at Nanaimo School.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Jan. 29.—A gruesome discovery was made yesterday by a man named Wilson, who was working at the North Ward school. An addition is being made to the school, and Wilson needed some stones for a foundation. He knew that there were some of the kind he wanted in a little cave down at the foot of the bluff on which the school is built. Accordingly he proceeded down the cavern and began to pull the boulders outside. Suddenly a human skull became exposed, and on investigating further Wilson found a whole skeleton with the exception of a leg and a few ribs. The Indians around here in the early days had a custom of burying their dead in caves and on rock ledges, and it is thought that the skeleton uncovered yesterday represents all that is left of some native that was disposed of in this way.

Arranging Boxing Match.

Rod Standen, the local boxer, who got a decision over Kid Foley has been disappointed in a match with Wellington Brown, of Ladysmith. Brown agreed to meet Standen at 142½ pounds, but has thought better of it. Standen is now trying to hook up with Sam Dufty, who on the night of the fight here challenged the winner. Standen still asserts his willingness to box Foley again, and states that he was greatly surprised that the latter should have signed on with Driver Miller after asking for a return match with him.

GRAND TRUNK MAY BUY C. G. W. R.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.—When questioned yesterday regarding the Chicago report that the Grand Trunk was after the Chicago Great Western Railway, Vice-President Hays said: "Well, we have not got the line, have we?" "But what do you think of it yourself? Do you think it would make a good combination?" With this he laughed, and would say no more.

SALVATION LASSIE'S SUICIDE.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 29.—Emily Dallas, aged 29 years, a Salvation Army lassie, living on Sheffield street, took a dose of carbolic acid yesterday and is dying at the public hospital. No cause is assigned.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.—Bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were $30,056,274, compared with $23,210,263 for the same week last year, and $25,831,422 1907.

MISSOURI STORM SWEPT.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 29.—Belated weather bureau reports received here give a maximum wind velocity of 72 miles an hour at Kansas City; 70 miles at Springfield, Mo., and 56 miles at Cairo, Ill. At 6 o'clock this morning the Kansas City wind was blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour; the local gale attained 46 miles an hour. All points report snow or rain.

RESTLESS REPUBLICS.

Chilean Minister Withdraws From Peru—Old Animosity Revived.

Valparaiso, Jan. 29.—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Chili and Peru, signalized by the withdrawal of Senor Echinque, the Chilean minister at Lima, has aroused more or less excitement here. The old animosity between the two countries, dating back to the war of 1879 and the consequent occupation of the Peruvian provinces of Tacna and Arica by Chili, have to a certain extent been revived. It is declared that the Chilean squadron under Admiral Wilson, now in the Straits of Magellan, has been ordered north.

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Through Trains From Winnipeg to Fort William This Fall.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—Through trains to Fort William via National Transcontinental railway will be running by August 31st. This is the conservative estimate placed upon the completion of the section by men actively in charge.

Unless unexpected complications arise everything will be in readiness to handle a percentage of this year's wheat crop over the new line. At the outside estimate the laying of steel will be finished by June 30th, and all that will be left will be the grading and surfacing of the new track to fit it for handling heavy trains. At present 110 miles of steel is laid east from Winnipeg, and construction trains are being operated over it.

CANADA'S INTERESTS NOT SACRIFICED

Retention of Rich Pacific Province Due to British Diplomacy.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 29.—"It is entirely due to British diplomacy that we have a foot of the Pacific Coast and our magnificent British Columbia province.

"In giving Russia ten miles of the coast, Britain gave the shell of the Yukon, and retained the rich meat of the interior for herself.

"Canada endeavored to put a construction on the Alaskan treaty of 1825 which no one else had ever thought of, in the hope of gaining a port of entry. The treaty would not stand that interpretation, and Canadians, when they understand the matter, will thank Lord Alverstone for finally settling the boundary dispute.

"The teaching of our school books regarding the Maine boundary, that British diplomacy is hostile to Canada, and sacrifies us every time it gets a chance, is rotten nonsense. The boundary line was fixed when both countries were British, and we got by the Ashburton treaty 5,000 square miles of the state of Maine that we were not entitled to at all."

These were some of the assertions made for the Association Luncheon Club at Williams' cafe in the course of an instructive sketch of British diplomacy by R. S. Neville. He held that when Canada has been represented by British diplomats in disputes with the United States, her interests had not been sacrificed as often as was sometimes thought.

CARMACK MURDER CASE.

Selection of Panel Is Still Incomplete.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 29.—The talesmen of the third panel from which jurors to try Colonel Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper, and John Sharp for the murder of former Senator Carmack, will be selected, were on hand in court to-day. The court announced that no excuses would be accepted and then ordered that the physician who signed the disability certificates of Juror Whitworth be called. Dr. Sullivan, the juror's family physician, said Juror Whitworth had Bright's disease, a fatal malady which might be greatly aggravated by confinement or excitement.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Actress Says Her Husband Tried to Kill Her and Then Shot Himself.

New York, Jan. 29.—Conrado Danielson, the Porto Rican manager for the United States Express Company, was found with a bullet wound in his head in his apartments in the Hotel Carlton early to-day, and is believed to be dying in the Roosevelt hospital.

His wife, who is known on the stage as Annie Yates Palmer, declared that her husband attempted to kill her and then shot himself. She told the police that they had been quarrelling.

MURDER AND ROBBERY.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Theo. Adams, employed in the railway roundhouse at Hopewell Junction, was arrested to-day and charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Kliff, of that place, after Mrs. Kliff had accused Adams of robbing her.

Kliff was proprietor of a lunch room in Hopewell Junction, and was killed last Sunday morning, it was believed by two men who had entered the restaurant ostensibly to purchase a bag of tobacco. As Kliff turned his back upon the men he was struck with a heavy bolt and had his skull fractured. He died a few hours later. The men then entered Mrs. Kliff's sleeping room in the rear of the restaurant, fractured her skull with a blow, and took about $700 from under her pillow.

EARL OF LEICESTER DEAD.

London, Jan. 29.—The Earl of Leicester has died at his ancestral home, Holkham Wells, Norfolk.

Thomas William Coke, the second Earl of Leicester, was the patriarch of the English peerage, having been born in 1822. The Earl was Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk from 1846 to 1906, and keeper of the privy seal and member of the council for the Duchy of Cornwall from 1870 to 1901. He was the owner of about 50,000 acres.

LEADERS APPOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

W. F. MacLean Likely to Give Support to Government Party.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—When Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden and the two chief party whips met this morning to strike standing committees for the session Sir Wilfrid Laurier noticed that the Conservative members on the committees of Messrs. Borden and George Taylor said that Mr. MacLean belonged to a third party and the premier then adopted him by insisting his name be put on some of the committees. Mr. MacLean is likely to give more support to the government than to the opposition this parliament.

ONE DEAD; FOUR INJURED.

Conductor Crushed Under Caboose on Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Wreck.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—One man was killed and four others seriously injured in a collision between a freight and a construction train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad at Beaver Falls, near here, to-day. The dead man is Conductor W. G. Wagner, of the construction train, who was crushed under a caboose. The injured men are foreigners. It is said the construction train rushed from a siding directly in front of the freight train.

HEAVY STORM IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago Almost Completely Cut Off From Telegraphic Communication With West and North.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29.—The telegraph services to points west and north of Chicago were almost completely severed to-day by the worst storm of the season. Scores of telegraph poles and miles of wire in many sections were borne down and rendered useless by the high winds and heavy snow fall.

RUSSIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—General-Adjutant Prince Dolgorouski has been appointed Russian ambassador to Rome in succession to M. Mouravieff. Prince Dolgorouski is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Russia, but he has had no diplomatic experience, excepting a short stay at Teheran, Persia, from 1886 to 1890.

NEW U. S. TARIFF BILL.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Although the tariff framers, the Republican members of the house committee on ways and means, have been working diligently in an effort to complete the task of preparing a new tariff bill it is hardly likely that any definite rates of duty will be fixed in the bill until the days immediately preceding its introduction.

BILL TO RAISE MARINE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Representative Calder, of New York, yesterday introduced a bill directing the secretary of the navy to enter into a contract with the lowest bidder for the removal of the wreck of the Maine from the harbor of Havana and the interment in a national cemetery of the bodies of the sailors who sank with the Maine.

NAVAL FIREMAN DROWNS.

Algiers, Jan. 29.—A fireman on the United States battleship Kentucky, while jumping from a small boat to the ship's ladder, fell overboard and was drowned. He was buried on land and the coffin was escorted by detachments of French and American marines.

AMERICAN SUICIDES IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 29.—An American named George Scott, who was formerly connected with the Barnum & Bailey circus, committed suicide this morning in a Covent Garden hotel by shooting himself while in bed.

BERLIN DISAPPOINTED.

Experiments in Aviation Witnessed by Royalty Proves Unsuccessful.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The first experiments in Berlin with a flying machine was witnessed yesterday when Armand Zipfel, a French aviator, made several trials. An enormous crowd, exceeding 50,000, was attracted to the scene, but the expectations of the people were disappointed, for the machine, a Voisin bi-plane, failed to fly. The experiments will be continued for a week. Prince Henry of Prussia, Emperor William's brother, Prince Eitel Frederick and Princess Victoria Louise were among those present at the exhibition.

VACCINATING A REPUBLIC.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 29.—One of the most sweeping decrees to enforce a sanitary precaution ever issued, has been made by President Cabrera, of Guatemala. It requires, according to those arriving here from that country, that every person in the republic must be vaccinated. The disease is believed to have been practically eliminated in that country. This edict has given rise to exaggerated reports of the prevalence of smallpox in that country.

NANTUCKET COLLISION.

Number of Survivors Reach Boston on Their Way to Italy.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 29.—Fifty of the steerage passengers of the steamer Republic arrived here to-day, and 25 of the saloon passengers are expected to-night. They will sail to-morrow on the steamer Roman for Italy. They were accompanied by forty members of the crew of the Republic, who will also make the voyage.

LIGHTWEIGHT WRESTLING.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 29.—Johnny Biller, of Toledo, Ohio, last night sustained his claim to the lightweight wrestling championship of America by defeating Joe Kelly, of Dallas, in two out of three falls.

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RED TAPE PARALYZES FRENCH NAVY

Why Arsenals Take Five Years in Which to Construct Battleships.

On the confession of M. Picard, the French minister of marine, while England builds a battleship in two years, it takes France five years to construct one.

One of the chief reasons for the dilatory manner in which the work is performed in French arsenals, says M. Greville Reache, the son of a former deputy, is that the French navy is paralyzed by red tape and bureaucracy.

As an example of what passes in the government dockyards at Toulon, M. Reache states that before a rivet can be driven into a sheet of iron a written request for authorization must be transmitted to Paris, passing through the hands of twenty-two intermediaries, until it reached the head of the Admiralty.

The reply goes through the same process, so that before a workman at Toulon can hit a rivet on the head twenty-four persons must give their consent.

Although 6,500 workmen are on the books at Toulon arsenal, M. Reache says it gives him the impression of a dead city. The artisans there ask for nothing better than to be actively employed, but the central administration in Paris, without whose consent nothing can be done, has carried the science of masterly inactivity to such an extreme that weeks and sometimes months elapse before a reply can be obtained from the heads of departments at the Rue Royale.

An engineer who was authorized to carry out experiments with an artillery device on a French warship, was obliged to wait six months before he was allowed to make use of his invention. At the Italian arsenal at Spezzia similar experiments were concluded in a fortnight. The same engineer found it necessary to have three holes pierced in a sheet of metal, and had to telegraph to Paris to obtain permission.

SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION.

Interesting news from the Antarctic relief ship Nimrod has been received at Hull, England, in a communication from A. B. Cheetham, third officer, at Lyttleton. "We expect to be at winter quarters at the latter part of January," he says. "Of course, we shall strike pack ice this time, and probably have a rough time. There is not much shelter in the ship, but she is sound, and will stand as much as the other three ships that went down before. She is the smallest ship that has ever ventured down South, and furthermore, has got the farthest. I do not think the French expedition will go so far South. We are taking some tanks down to fetch specimens of seals and penguins, and hope to bring them back alive. We are taking in stores to feed forty-six men for fourteen months, so if we get frozen up we shall have plenty. If all goes well we shall be back about April. The programme is if they (Lieutenant Shackleton's party) are not at their winter quarters by a certain day we shall send a search party from the ship. I do not think we shall have to fetch any of the ponies back again, as they will kill them as we proceed. It will be quite a change to have a little fresh meat, and it makes everyone hold out longer. They have some good men down South, and all our men intend to do their best, as they all seem anxious to get down again to see the game through."

PRINCESS IN ACCIDENT.

Rome, Jan. 29.—An auto in which Princess Alice of Bourbon, youngest daughter of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, and several companions, were driving was wrecked in an accident near the Villa Reggio yesterday. The Princess and her friends were thrown out of the machine, but were not injured.

BULGARIA DISARMING.

Constantinople, Jan. 29.—The governor of the vilaket of Adrinanople has telegraphed the minister of the interior that Bulgaria is disbanding the reservists recently concentrated on the Turkish frontier.

DEATH OF COGUELIN.

Intellectual France Does Homage to Famous Actor.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The best known men and women in French art, science, and literature, gathered this afternoon at Fort Aux Dames, a little village near St. Germain, to render their last homages to the French actor, Benoit Constant Coquelin, who died on Jan. 27th. Special trains were run from Paris for the accommodation of the crowd of mourners, composed of friends of the dead man, actors, players, and authors, indeed the most distinguished representatives of the intellectual life of the republic.

—Ten acres of fine land in the Scott Estate, West Gorden Head road, has been recently acquired by A. Mallette, of Bloemfontein, S. A. Mr. Mallette was formerly a member of the South Africa constabularly and served during the late war. He is now retiring to engage in fruit farming in the suburbs of this city. Mr. Mallette is now erecting a bungalow on his recently acquired property. He states that a number of his acquaintances and friends are now en route here to engage in a similar occupation.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS $110,200

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

Business Disposed of at Meeting Held Last Night

The school board met last evening with all the members present. The appropriations were again considered and the sum of $110,200 recommended as the amount for the year.

A protest was received from Mr. Pomeroy against the appointment of the janitor of North Ward school. Complaint was made that the appointee was a recent arrival in the city, and that the appointment discriminated against old residents in the city. He had been an employee of the city.

Trustee Riddell wished to know if the statements were correct.

Trustee McNeill, in moving that the letter be laid on the table, said that when the committee made the appointment the man who secured the situation was represented as a machinist. He understood that he had been in the city some time. A property owner, he felt, if as well qualified should receive the preference. He thought the whole matter should be investigated. If the statements in the protest were correct he would move to annul the action of the board.

Trustee Riddell in seconding the resolution wondered how all the information got out.

Trustee Mrs. Jenkins said she did not know how the information was given out.

Trustee Staneland said Mr. Pomeroy had told him Mrs. Jenkins gave him the information. (Laughter.)

There were 110 applications for the position. This seemed to be the only "kicker."

The motion to lay the communication on the table was carried.

Superintendent Paul read an offer relative to wholesale rates for scribblers. This was discussed in view of the fact that the local government intended after the present term to discontinue the issue of free exercise books and substitute a speller.

Superintendent Paul announced that he had letters from Mr. Knott and Mr. Griffiths. The writers seemed to have conceived the idea that he (Mr. Paul) was opposed to hot air in the schools. The letters were not read.

Dr. Wasson, medical health officer for the board, presented his monthly report with recommendations as to having windows of schools open at nights.

Trustee McNeill wanted to know if the city health officer was supposed to report to the school attended by a pupil having an infectious disease, of the fact that there was such a case.

Superintendent Paul said he would communicate with the medical health officer.

Principal S. J. Miller, of the High school, wrote recommending that book shelves be provided to accommodate the library that was being purchased by the pupils and teachers of the High school.

J. Pollock asked for a frame to hang a chart on, which was complied with.

The board went into committee to reconsider some items of the estimates.

Trustee McNeill said he had gone into the question of the heating of North Ward school and from his own knowledge of the system and what the plumber told him the system could be put in shape to serve for six or seven years at small expense, thus saving $6,500 appropriated to put in a new system.

Trustee Riddell pressed for alterations to the South Park school. He thought that alterations could be made to furnaces by which better heating could be secured and additions could be made to the North Ward system. It was decided to appropriate $9,000 for this work.

The appropriation for insurance was fixed at $1,000.

The appropriations for janitors was fixed at $6,000.

The committee rose and reported recommending $110,200 as the appropriations necessary for ordinary expenditure for the year.

Trustee McNeill suggested that steps might be taken to prepare plans for the new school.

After some little discussion Trustee Riddell moved in favor of appointing J. C. M. Keith to prepare plans for the new school at the corner of Moss street and Fernwood road.

The motion was carried.

It was decided to lay over the appointment of architect for the year until some further information was obtained relative as to those who might accept the position.

The board then adjourned.

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JOHN OLIVER RIDDLES GOVERNMENT RECORD

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sources? (Laughter). Even the attorney-general with all his ingenuity, would not venture to assert that, and we can expect almost any kind of an assertion from that gentleman.

Not a Benefit to Province.

There was an increase of $76,000 from the wild land tax. The opposition have condemned and will condemn the policy which favors the speculator against the real settler. The man would be blind to facts who thought this increase was a benefit to the province. The attorney-general said a year ago that the speculator must be given a chance and the government has certainly given him a chance. The increase, at ten cents an acre on wild lands, means that 760,000 acres more than in the previous year have gone into the hands of speculators. That is not a policy in the interests of British Columbia. (Hear, hear.) We spend thousands of dollars to advertise our agricultural lands, but when we get settlers here we find them going back disgusted.

From income tax we got an increase revenue of $39,000, and from coal lands tax of $18,000. I challenge anyone to controvert these figures. We thus have an increased revenue of $1,799,000, from these seven sources, out of which only one item is from the development of our raw materials, $18,000 from the mining of coal. Mr. Davey's assumption is thus shown to be altogether unwarranted by the facts.

Decrease Not Increase.

On the other hand we have a decrease in land sales of $115,000 in land revenue of $43,000, in mining of $25,000, and in timber royalties of $23,000, a loss of $48,000 on the last two items. Deducting the increase in business in coal mining to offset that and we still have a decrease of $30,000 on the development of our natural resources during the year instead of the increase the seconder tried to make out.

The seconder hoped the government would decrease or abolish the personal property and income taxes. He was a good old Tory when he advocated this. It was one of the Tory principles that the man who draws an income, often without working for it, should have a tax on that income abolished. I was glad to hear the minister of finance say he believed the income tax was the most equitable way of raising revenue, even if the most difficult. Mr. Davey does not think so and he tells us chancellors of the exchequer in England only adopt it as an exceptional expedient in times of emergency and stress. I have not followed events there closely, but if my memory does not fail me, it is considered in England as the most equitable way of raising taxation, and it is in times of stress, when he has a large increase in revenue to provide, that a chancellor, taught by experience, puts on an extra sixpence or shilling on the pound as most equitable.

Municipalities Need Money.

The personal property tax amounts to $134,000, the income tax to $152,000 and the revenue tax to $207,000. The leader of the opposition in his speech took the stand that instead of abolishing these taxes they should be handed over to the municipalities. He took the ground that the revenue is now large enough to meet the legitimate expenditures of the province, while it is necessary that the municipalities should have available much increased revenue. I think his ground was good and his proposition sound. In my own riding, composed largely of municipalities, it is found that to keep the roads in shape we have to pay a higher rate of taxation than is imposed by the government outside. On the whole, the municipalities have not half enough revenue and delegations are coming here all the time, forced into the position of beggars, to ask the government for help in the maintenance of their roads. In Delta, though one of the oldest settled parts of the country, the roads are so bad in places that when I started out not long ago with one of my best horses and a new buggy, I had to get out and walk mile after mile for fear it would pull the buggy to pieces getting it out of the mud-holes. The municipalities cannot raise revenue enough with the present taxation to meet this state of affairs, which has not all been brought about by the fault of the government.

It is largely the result of the condition of our laws. In that old-settled district, in some portions, four-fifths of the land is held by absentee landlords. We have to keep up altogether too many miles of road for the population. I am going to ask the members to assist before the session is over in meeting this condition. The first step is for the government to provide that these municipalities shall be put in possession of their own revenue from the sources I have mentioned, give them power to increase the wild land tax and to require a large amount of improvements to gain exemption from that tax. Do that and you have gone a long way to meet the case. I am going to ask members to leave party out of the question and provide a solution in the interests of the people. (Cheers.)

The premier met the proposal of the leader of the opposition by a statement which was absolutely unjustifiable. We ask for the handing over to the municipalities of a revenue bringing into the province a quarter of a million, and the premier said it would lead us to bankruptcy and ruin. If it is true, as the public accounts show, that there is a surplus of $1,300,000, how can it be true that to hand over $250,000 of that would brankrupt the province? It is the duty of the government to realize the financial position of the municipalities of British Columbia, and if they reject this proposition we ask them to provide an alternative solution. (Applause.) The government has imposed additional duties on municipalities, notably with regard to schools, but has not provided for a corresponding increase of revenue.

The Capital's Streets.

I would ask the finance minister or the commissioner of lands and works to get information from any municipalities as to the financial condition they are in. Right here in Victoria they are asking for money to beautify the city. The streets in this city are a disgrace to the capital of the province of British Columbia. You will hear people elsewhere say from having seen the condition of the streets here that it must rain all the time because on the streets they were up to their knees in mud. Is it not a fact that if any municipality wants to make permanent improvements they have to borrow money to do it? If you investigate you will find that not five per cent of such works can be done out of the ordinary revenue of the current year. (Hear, hear.) If this condition is true, and I believe it is, how can the government escape its plain duty of providing more adequate revenue for municipalities? Hand them over these taxes and give them the means of improving these conditions.

Mr. Davey thought the farmer has abundant cause for thanksgiving and that he is getting good prices. The crops last year were not full and prices were low, but I suppose the farmer should be thankful that he has as good as he has and sufficient to meet the necessities he is subject to. Another cause of thankfulness was that though in the Fernie district a most destructive fire took place it was not attended with greater loss of life, and that there is to-day a finer town springing up.

Fraudulent Pre-emptions.

The seconder told us that there had been 1,600 pre-emption records taken up last year. This is no evidence as to the number of bona fide settlers. I know of one enterprising company which issued a prospectus asking people to file pre-emptions and hand them over to it. The land laws are insufficient to meet this case. Declarations of residence and improvements were made in this case where not a cent had been expended nor a day's residence put in. It is the duty of the government to see that the law is fulfilled in regard to these pre-emptions. There is ground to believe that a considerable proportion of these pre-emptions are fraudulent, that they are not recorded for settlement, but to obtain land and offer it to oher speculators at rising prices. The seconder spoke of a government reserve until lands were surveyed, and he is evidently sincere when he thinks that policy tends to settlement. But he should remember that all lands not open to settlement are open to the speculator to take. Then when the government has decided that a survey shall be made of a certain section and that pending it there shall be no lands sold, there is nothing to show that the bulk of it is not staked out before the surveyor gets there. Take the case of the Nechaco valley and ask the chief commissioner how much of the land surveyed there was staked for purchase before ever the surveyor went on the ground at all. What is the use of reserving the land after it has been staked? Mr. Davey followed up by what I believe to have been an inspired statement. He says: "In order to encourage actual settlement the practice has been adopted of reserving all sections selected for survey against entry, save by pre-emption, pending completion of survey, when one-third of these lands are absolutely reserved for the settler."

Enriched by Settlers.

That settler is a man of small means. If he were a man of considerable means he would locate in a well-settled district where he could have the comforts he is used to. But this man of small means waits till the survey is completed and then finds that one-third is reserved for the settler, that for every acre he improves for himself he improves two for the speculator. Suppose the 1,600 pre-emptions were in one block there would be 250,000 acres occupied by actual settlers, as against 760,000 acres of wild lands, or in the proportion of three to one. How long are we to have this condition in the province of British Columbia? How long is the settler, lured by the descriptions of the glorious country and climate advertised and paid for by the province, and travelling hundreds of miles to get in there, to find that the country is blanketed by the stakes of the speculator?

Definition of Speculator.

The premier seemed to be considerably exercised in his mind as to the meaning of speculator. Without ever having a university education I would have thought he knew what it meant or what it stood for to the ordinary individual. To my mind the speculator is the man who acquires any property not for use but for the profit to be made in turning it over again, and holds it for an advance in price. That is my opinion of what a speculator is, both in regard to coal and land and timber, and it is the definition as commonly understood in British Columbia. I do not hold the speculator up to scorn but I do say the policy is bad and the results are bad for the country. What enables the few to enrich themselves at the cost of the many in British Columbia should be abandoned and abandoned for all time. (Cheers.)

Mr. McInnes—How about the capitalist.

Mr. Oliver—I think the capitalist is quite able to take care of himself. He needs no special care from the legislature.

Prince Rupert Townsite.

In regard to the arrangement concerning the Prince Rupert townsite the premier did not give us any information as to what the arrangement was. But since he made his speech I have acquired sundry information. In the division of the waterfront the province, instead of getting the one-fourth of the value it was entitled to under the statute, to my mind has really received one-eighth. I have a map showing that the government has acquired the province's share in five different blocks. I find a block on the channel between the island and the mainland of 3,000 feet in length. I find another block scaling approximately about 1,200 feet, and the point in the vicinity of Seal Island. There is another 1,500 feet right in the centre of the town. I find another block of 1,500 feet to the right of the entrance of the harbor, and a fifth of from 1,000 to 1,200 feet, which is at the extreme southeast portion of the townsite.

Having been in the harbor I will admit that the block in the centre is the most valuable portion of the waterfront, but I will point out that the government has received 3,000 feet, or approximately two-fifths of its entire waterfront, on a channel between the island and the mainland, on water which we have no record of as to its being navigable or not; and I would point out too that up the present time—though Prince Rupert has been the chosen terminus for four years—there is no record available as to soundings, as to depths of water, whether navigable or safe between the island or the mainland, where the government has its larger block.

Why Should We Finance?

I am not going to criticise in a hostile spirit, because there is not sufficient information to enable the house to judge as to the relative value of this block. But it strikes me as a peculiar arrangement that the government is becoming the financial backer of the G. T. P., or the townsite company, whichever you like to call it, and without authority of parliament to give $200,000 by special warrant for improvements. I do not say that it was not right that there should not be considerable improvement made before lots are offered for sale, but why should the government provide $150,00 as a loan to improve the property of the G. T. P., or the townsite company.

I hope the chief commissioner will give us some reasons why this arrangement was made before the debate is over. It seems to me it would have been more business like had he fur-

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THE TALK OF ALL CANADA.

With the appearance of the Times in Eastern Canada the newspapers there have become seized of the actual facts in connection with the Colonist's forgery of the name of the Conservative leader to that notorious telegram. To-day we print the comments of three leading newspapers on this, easily the most sensational episode in connection with the history of Canadian journalism. Our readers will observe that the Toronto News, now recognized as the leading Conservative organ of Canada, describes the affair in language befitting its character. The Colonist apparently imagines that the whole matter has been finally disposed of by the laconic statement that while the dispatch in its original form reached the office of publication (the inference being that the tampering was done there), it was used in "good faith." The Toronto News believes a more satisfactory explanation is due the public, doubtless in the interests of the Conservative party. It asserts that the transaction was an ugly one and that the culprits must be exposed. That expression will doubtless be found to be the general sentiment of the newspaper press of Canada. Our contemporary must make what atonement it can for its disgraceful action by making an example of the party responsible. Nor will it do to explain that the forgery was committed by some irresponsible underling.

The Winnipeg Free Press of January 25th publishes the following editorial comment on the Colonist's offence:

"Accepting Mr. Borden's statement of the matter, the fact remains that Mr. Templeman's defeat was thus compassed by false pretences, and that same message, purporting to be from the Conservative leader, was made wide use of as effective Conservative ammunition in the Coast province. It will be interesting to see what the Victoria Colonist will have to say about the explanation which Mr. Borden has been forced to make in his place in Parliament. If Mr. Borden's belated public statement is the truth, it ought to be capable of being conclusively proved to be the truth. This is an altogether different matter from the celebrated interview with Major Hodgins published by the Colonist, of which Major Hodgins denied the accuracy. That interview, it will be remembered, was the first publication of statements in Major Hodgings's name, alleging wrongdoing in the construction of the National Transcontinental. Major Hodgins declared that the interview was inaccurate in places. The Colonist with the utmost vehemence stood to it that the interview was accurate throughout, and produced a declaration to that effect by the member of its staff who interviewed the Major; and the latter, later on, before the committee of Parliament, declined to make any charges at all. The matter of the Borden telegram rests on a wholly different basis. Either the Victoria Colonist received or did not receive, the telegram which it printed in fac-simile. Is the Colonist going to stand dumb under imputation of having forged that document?

"It is for the Colonist to decide this question. Whatever the truth of the matter may be, the fact has already gone into Canadian political history that the main ammunition of the Conservative campaign in British Columbia in the Dominion general elections of 1908 was a statement in the form of a telegram from the Conservative leader, published in fac-simile by the leading Conservative paper on the coast, declaring that 'the Conservative party stands for the exclusion of all Asiatics'—a declaration which the leader of the Conservative party, standing in his place in Parliament, denies having made them, and does not dare to make now."

Calgary News: The Victoria Colonist "accepts" Mr. Borden's word that he didn't word the famous telegram which figured so prominently in the British Columbia elections, and relieves Mr. Borden of the onus of having said he favored "Asiatic exclusion." It is now the duty of the Colonist to reveal the author of the lying telegram.

AN INSULT TO THE LEGISLATURE

The Colonist, a strong upholder of constitutional principles in the abstract, can see no harm in a government, providing that government be the McBride government, arrogating to itself powers which under the constitution are absolutely vested in Parliament. It is quite right, we are solemnly told, for the McBride government to spend under Royal Warrant a very large proportion of the revenue of the province. But if the government of the Dominion were to attempt any such subversion of parliamentary power columns of denunciation would be printed and reams of precedents would be quoted in proof of the indefensibility of the proceeding. The unsatisfactory defence, of course, is that unforeseen demands arose for public works—demands which the government failed to provide for when the legislature was in session. We all know that the alleged "emergency" was a Dominion election campaign. The governments of Great Britain and of every other subordinate state of the realm take care to provide in the estimates for all possible contingencies. Not an instance can be cited of expenditures, except such as we have already instanced, being made without the previous sanction of Parliament. If it is in accordance with the principle that Parliament must exercise absolute control of the purse strings for a government to expend one-fourth of the revenue by Royal Warrant, then there is no barrier to a government disposing of the whole of the revenue after the same manner. We say that not another government in any section of the British dominions would dare to insult the legislature to which it is responsible as the McBride government has done. If the legislature of British Columbia does not manifest its resentment at the action of the McBride government, then parliamentary institutions in this province are a farce.

A MASTERLY ARRAIGNMENT.

The rugged son of toil from the marshes of the Delta had the ear of Mr. Speaker and of everyone else in the legislature yesterday afternoon. Mr. Oliver's oratory is fashioned after the style of one who has long contended with Nature and has good reason to be satisfied with the result. Yesterday he treated the "adamantine" Mr. Bowser as a rocky obstacle Nature had made the mistake of placing in the path of provincial progress, drilled several holes in his character and reputation, and with a few timely shots scattered the whole "works" over the face of the political landscape. To do the Attorney-General justice, he seemed, except for a few uncomfortable moments, to enjoy the fireworks. But one could hardly expect the author of several of the meanest and most despicable misrepresentations ever fabricated against political opponents to be greatly abashed at a faithful exposition of his own dishonesty.

Mr. Oliver, as the members of the government party realize to their evident hurt, has developed into one of the ablest debaters on the floor of the Legislature. Indeed, the member for Delta would be accorded a front bench in any popular assembly. He has mastered every detail of parliamentary procedure, and his knowledge of public matters is complete. A quick thinker and ready of wit, he has taught the man of "adamantine" and all others on the government side of the House the foolhardiness of interrupting.

The dressing down of the Attorney-General, while interesting and complete in every respect, was not the really important phase of Mr. Oliver's speech upon the address. The public delights to see a political brow-beater receiving his deserts when he falls into the hands of his master, but it is more vitally interested in facts bearing upon the administration (in this case the maladministration) of the province's affairs.

The speech of the member for Delta will be found in another part of to-day's issue of the Times. It is worthy of the most careful study by all who are really interested, not so much in what party shall administer our local affairs, as in the practical results of the McBride government's administration. Mr. Oliver shows by facts which cannot be explained away that the surplus of which the Finance Minister boasts has not been gathered together as a result of the development of our natural resources but by the alienation of those resources. This condition applies alike to timber and to public lands. The policy of a province like British Columbia should be to preserve the public lands for settlers. It is as a result of such a policy that the progress of the new provinces of the Northwest has been one of the wonders of the outside world. The public lands of these two provinces are controlled by the Dominion government. It is as a result of a negation of the policy pursued by the Dominion government that settlers not only cannot be induced to come in here, where they are so badly needed, and where their prospects ought to be of the best, but are actually driven out because settlement is impossible owing to all the lands suitable for settlement being in the hands of speculators, who demand impossible prices for their holdings.

The design of the government to vest all powers which can be turned into political account in their own hands—practically all in the hands of the Attorney-General—is also shown in the matter of liquor licenses. In this matter the administration is also running counter to every one of the natural tendencies of the times. Its one idea is to control every string which may be pulled effectively at election and all other times to keep itself in power.

Mr. Oliver's criticism ought to be carefully studied by every elector who takes a proper interest in the affairs of the province.

PLAINT OF AN OUTCAST.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, poor man, is terribly distraught at the thought of the condition of public opinion in the West, meaning, we presume, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. He thinks that if the thing could be managed this West would like to detach itself from the Canadian confederation and set up an establishment of its own, under the British flag, of course, and equally, of course, under the head which bears the hat of Sir Hibbert Tupper. This remarkable state of affairs Sir Hibbert attributes to dissatisfaction with the present federal government of Canada. Is it not possible that this distinguished son of a distinguished father mistakes his own private feelings for public sentiment? If he will take the trouble to compare the relative strength of the federal political parties in the Canadian House of Commons we are satisfied he will find nothing of a very substantial character to indicate that the West is so terribly antagonistic to the Laurier government that it would follow even a member of the Tupper family as leader of a secession movement. The fact of the matter appears to be that Sir Hibbert Tupper has fallen into, or has been forced into, a political Cave of Adullam. He loves public life, as he confesses, but owing to the resentment of the McBride-Bowser element in this province on the one hand and the indifference of the Foster-Borden element in the East on the other he can find no constituency that will receive him. He tried to break in again in Pictou previous to the late federal election, and was obliged to withdraw owing to the assurance of defeat. Bowserism was too strong for him in Vancouver. Consequently Sir Hibbert expresses the opinion that the times are out of joint and that the only way to right them is for the West to secede from confederation and set up in the government business on its own account. Such a revolution would need a leader—and of course Sir Hibbert Tupper would be willing to play the role of Joshua.

The evolution of the member for Delta is one of the most interesting of the political signs of the times. From a son of the soil or of toil he has rapidly developed into a son of thunder. The lightning played incessantly around the "adamantine" countenance of the Attorney-General yesterday afternoon; but of course it "never phased him." That could hardly be expected.

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Naturally a newspaper which would deliberately forge a telegram, or, as the Premier of Canada put the case, which would, to gain a political end, put a lie in the mouth of its leader, can see no harm in a government raiding the treasury in defiance of all constitutional safeguards and precedents.

AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

To the Editor:—In this morning's issue of the Colonist newspaper, under the caption of "Mr. Oliver's Lumber," my remarks in the House yesterday are misrepresented, and the editor attempts to ridicule me before the public. The Colonist is simply following out its policy of falsehood and misrepresentation of men in public life.

JOHN OLIVER.

Victoria, January 29th, 1909.

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(Ottawa Citizen.)

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—January Sale of Remnants.—Great sale of remnants, flannels, flannelettes, wrapperettes, delaines, prints, table linens, dress goods, linings and ginghams.—Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

—Old pianos made new, scrapped off and finished in any color desired.—The Woodworkers, Ltd., 731 Johnson street. Phone 1165.

—Cold Weather Snaps.—Ladies' knitted underwear, 50c a garment; comforters, $1, $1.50 and $1.85; blankets, $2.50; large size, $4.25 pair; ladies' long coats, furs and gloves, all reduced.—Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

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—The annual general meeting of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Club will be held to-night at the drill hall at 8 o'clock.

—Two drunks paid the usual fines this morning and a third failed to appear. His bail, $11, was forfeited.

—The married women beat the single women yesterday at a hockey match at Oak Bay. The score was two goals to one.

—The Rev. Dr. Chown will deliver an address on "Local Option" before a mass meeting of men at the New Grand theatre at 4 p. m. on Sunday next.

—W. F. Best will give a lecture on the natural resources of British Columbia, at Monday evening's meeting of the Natural History Society in the Carnegie library.

—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island will be opened in the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon next at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Miller, D. D., of Nanaimo.

—To Clean Stables.—If you are going to you no doubt will need a broom or two. See our best Bahai bars stable brooms; they are well made, good length and strongly fastened; 11-inch, 80c; 12-inch, 90c; 14-inch, $1; 16-inch, $1.25.—R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street.

—Rev. Dr. McKay, the principal of Westminster hall, Vancouver, will arrive in this city to-morrow on a business visit. On Sunday morning he will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and in the evening in the First Presbyterian church. During next week he will canvas for funds in aid of the college from members of the Presbyterian church in the city and vicinity.

—The usual Saturday ten-cent children's matinee will be given at the New Grand to-morrow afternoon and young and old will find the performance a most pleasing one. It includes Carlyle Moore & Co. in "The Man's the Thing"; Baby Lewis in song and imitations; Joe Edmonds, "The How-de-do Man"; Newhoff and Phelps, singing and dancing act, and the illustrated song, moving pictures and overture.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of January, 1909, I lost my horse that was insured with the British American Live Stock Association, Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C.

That I have this day received through their local representative, MR. R. A. POWER, 1212 BROAD STREET, their cheque for $100, the full amount of my claim.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) GEO. M'CANN,
844 Fort street.

Dated at Victoria this 25th day of January, 1909.

—The Men's Bible class of the Centennial church will hold an interesting debate in the schoolroom of the church this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The subject to be debated is whether the eastern part of Canada opens better opportunities than the western part. H. Hadland and F. Jeune will respectively represent the east and the west. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the debate. All interested are asked to attend the gathering.

—The members of the Young People's Society of the Congregational church had a most interesting time at the last meeting when they held a business social. A splendid programme was drawn up for the present year, one that promises to be interesting and profitable. After business was completed the members spent a pleasant time in social intercourse. Next Monday evening the president will open the programme with an address entitled "Our Aim." All young people will be cordially welcomed to the meetings.

—There is a movement on foot among the Welsh residents of this city to celebrate the anniversary of their patron saint on March 1st. Last year the celebration took the form of a banquet, which was served at the Driard hotel, and it was then decided that it would be advisable on all future occasions to have some kind of a social at which the ladies could also join in. All interested in the movement would help matters along by calling and placing their views before A. Petch, at his store, 1407 Douglas street, at their earliest convenience, as the time is limited.

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MR. SLOAN MET PREMIER'S WISH

IN PROVIDING SEAT FOR MINISTER

Resigned After Mature Consideration and Consultation With His Electors.

Mr. Wm. Sloan, ex-member for Comox-Atlin in the House of Commons, was in the city last evening and left this morning for his home in Nanaimo.

Questioned regarding his resignation of his seat, Mr. Sloan expressed himself very positively.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier," he said, "requested my assistance to make it possible to retain the services of his colleague, Hon. Mr. Templeman. Before taking any action I laid the matter before various organizations and electors in the district, and after full consideration it was decided to accede to the wishes of the premier. In doing so we were impelled by loyalty to our province and to the constituency of Comox-Atlin.

"For Hon. Mr. Templeman I am asking the same united and loyal support which has always been given me. He requires no introduction to the district for in his capacity as Minister of Mines and Inland Revenue he is widely known and universally respected throughout Canada. As our representative he will be an honor and a credit to us.

"Having a complete knowledge of all the circumstances, which have been clearly and carefully considered, I am firmly convinced that the decision arrived at in this instance, and the election of Mr. Templeman, will be in the interest of the whole constituency of Comox-Atlin. Moreover, it will be in the direct interest of the province of British Columbia. Furthermore, I believe that, irrespective of party affiliations and considerations, it will be readily admitted that the retention of the portfolio, as a matter of policy, is of vital importance to our province at this time, and one upon which there cannot possibly be much division of opinion."

Mr. Sloan naturally feels keenly the parting of ties which have so long bound him to his constituency. "As their representative," he said, "I have everywhere found in Comox-Atlin that the true, staunch spirit of the pioneer of the frontier and of the West, is universal among the farmers, the fishermen, the loggers, the miners, the prospectors, and all other workers. Among them I have formed many strong ties of warm personal friendship, which will always be remembered, and they may rely upon me, now and in the future, as in the past, to exercise my best efforts in their behalf."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area is causing a severe easterly gale along the Coast, and high easterly winds prevail on the Straits and Sound. The weather is turning decidedly cold in Northern British Columbia, and in the prairie provinces the temperature ranges from 10 to 20 below zero.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

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Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.97; temperature, 43; minimum, 40; wind, 28 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, part cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 16 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 12; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

FRANK SHEPHERD IS MADE MINE INSPECTOR

Defeated Candidate in Nanaimo Given Position Under Local Government.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice that Francis Henry Shepherd, of Nanaimo, has been appointed inspector of coal mines and inspector of metalliferous mines, the appointment dating from February 1st. For a long time the name of Mr. Shepherd, who was the candidate in the Conservative interests in Nanaimo at the late federal election, has been spoken of for the position. It was in fact recognized that when he entered the fight he did so in order to qualify for the position.

Ever since the election the announcement has been looked for.

The Gazette contains notices also of the following appointments:

Arthur Stevenson, of Lytton, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Justinian Pelly, of the city of Chilliwack, barrister-at-law, to be a coroner within and for the Chilliwack electoral district.

Robert R. Robinson, of Ferguson, M. D., to be resident physician at Trout Lake, from the 1st day of January, 1909.

Claude Lionel Harrison, of the city of Victoria, barrister-at-law, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

James Findlay, Frederick James Procter and Edwin Blagdon Morgan to be members of the board of directors of the Vancouver general hospital for the year 1909.

—Wellington J. Dowler, the city clerk, this morning commenced the task of compiling copies of all tenders for city supplies, with figures, for the council and also copies for each alderman and the press. The new rule will be followed hereafter and was commenced at the suggestion of Ald. Turner, who brought it up at the council meeting last Monday night, saying the aldermen should be acquainted with the figures when tenders are read. He also thought the public should be kept informed of the prices asked by those who contract to do city work and make city supplies.

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COUCHES, elegantly upholstered in velour, regular value $7.50. FEBRUARY SALE..... $5.65

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BED LOUNGES, extra strong and well made, regular price $14. FEBRUARY SALE..... $9.50

CAMP COTS, wire folding, strong and durable, regular price $3. FEBRUARY SALE..... $2.15

IRON BEDSTEADS, with brass knobs, 4 ft. 6; 3 ft. 6, also 3 ft., regular price $5. FEBRUARY SALE $3.65

IRON BEDSTEADS, very handsome with brass rail head and foot, regular price $9. FEBRUARY SALE $5.65

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WOOL TOP MATTRESSES, size 4 ft. 6, regular price $3.50. FEBRUARY SALE $2.35

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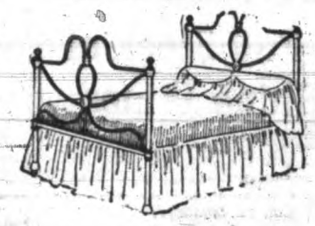

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ADVANCES TO TEACHERS TO BE MADE REGULARLY

Board of School Trustees Approved of Systematic Plan.

Last evening the school board approved of the report of the special committee appointed to draw up a shedule upon which teachers salaries might be fixed and advanced upon a regular system. The report as finally adopted was as follows:

Your committee on the revision of the teachers' salaries beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That the maximum salary of the principal of the High school be $2,500 a year.

2. That the minimum salary of men assistants in the High school be $1,200, and that an annual increase of $60 be made to that sum till a maximum of $1,620 is reached.

3. That the minimum salary of women assistants in the High school be $960 a year increasing by annual increasements of $60 till a maximum of $1,380 be reached.

4. The board of school trustees may determine from time to time the salaries of principals of graded schools on the basis of size of schools, certificate of teacher, etc.

5. Men assistants in graded schools other than first and second assistants and other than those on probation may receive an initial salary of $840 a year, increasing by yearly increments of $30 till a maximum of $1,080 is reached.

6. Women assistants, other than first and second assistants and other than those on probation in graded schools may receive an initial salary of $600, increasing by annual increments of $30 till a maximum of $840 is reached.

7. First assistants in first and second class graded schools shall be paid in addition to the salary to which clauses 5 or 6 entitles them a further sum of $60 a year, and their salaries, exclusive of such additional sum, may reach a maximum of $1,200, in the case of men, and $960, in the case of women.

8. Second assistants and teachers doing parrallel work to them, in first or second class in graded schools shall be paid in addition to the salary to which clause 5 or 6 entitles them a further sum of $30 a year, and their salaries, exclusive of such additional sum may reach a maximum in the case of men of $1,200, and $960 in the case of women.

9. Principals of small schools having no senior grade shall receive salaries on the scale recommended for first assistants of first and second class graded schools.

10. Principals of small schools having no senior or intermediate grade shall receive salaries on the scale recommended for second assistants of first and second class graded schools.

11. Receiving teachers shall be paid $60 a year in addition to the salary to which they are entitled by clause 5 or 6, provided always that in cases where the principal is also receiving teacher, she shall receive only the addition to her salary to which she is entitled as principal.

12. The board may appoint a teacher on an initial salary between the maximum and minimum limits, taking into account certificate, previous experience in other districts, etc. Should the salary at which the teacher is appointed fall short of the maximum of his class, his salary shall afterwards be increased annually according to the scale, subject to the provisions of clause 16.

13. No teacher shall get increase of salary unless such increase be sanctioned by the board on the recommendation of the city superintendent.

14. No teacher shall in future be appointed principal of a first or second class graded school, who does not hold an academic or a first class certificate; no first or second assistant in a first or second class graded school shall in future be appointed who does not hold at least a first class certificate; and teachers holding third class certificates may at the discretion of the board receive, but have no claim to, increase of salary according to the scale.

15. For the present the Boys' Central, the Girls' Central, the North Ward, and the South Park schools may be termed first class graded schools; Victoria West school a second class graded school; Kingston Street and Spring Ridge schools come under clause 9; and the Hillside, Rock Bay and Fisguard Street schools under clause 10.

16. The increases in the salaries of teachers, who have been first employed by the board during any part of the first term (January to June, inclusive), shall take effect from the 1st of January of the year following; and increases in salaries of teachers, who have been first employed during any part of the last term (August to December, inclusive), shall take effect on the 1st of January of the year following their first complete year's service.

Trustee McNeill in speaking to the report, said that many difficulties were met with. In the matter of salary the qualification, the length of service and the ability to serve were considered. The board was given the right to fix the initial standing of the applicant. No increase was to be given until a recommendation was made after examination by the city superintendent. With respect to the distinction between male and female teachers, he argued that it was necessary in the interests of the schools to have both male and female teachers. He thought they should strive to have 40 per cent of male teachers. If that were done the price would have to be paid. In nearly every other place distinction was made in the salaries of male and females. Vancouver did not. But Vancouver got over the difficulty in another way. No female teachers were employed in the higher grades. Thus the higher salaries were paid males. Vancouver did not to-day pay as high salaries for female teachers as here. He favored high salaries and would like to see teachers paid better than now, but this mihgt not be possible.

Chairman Jay asked if when this went into force it would be retro-active in placing teachers now on the staff.

Trustee McNeill said it would.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

On the point that it appeared, according to the scale of increase, that female teachers would require a year longer to reach the maximum salary than the male teacher, Mrs. Jenkins raised an objection. She could see no reason why this should be.

It was discovered, however, that the time was the same and the section passed.

In striking the estimates the item of salaries for teachers was fixed at $81,584 this year, or about $7,000 higher than last. The new salary scale had some effect in the increase.

—The Colwood and Metchosin Development Association has arranged to hold a concert and dance in the Metchosin hall on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 8 p. m.. It is hoped to realize sufficient from this entertainment to issue a first-class pamphlet and calendar in the present year. All taking an interest in the districts should attend as the committee has gone to much trouble to arrange a first-class programme. All are assured of a hearty welcome.

On dark nights a white light can be seen farther than any color; on bright nights red takes the first plac

ISLAND LEAGUE GAME AT CANTEEN GROUNDS

Esquimalt and Ladysmith Senior Teams Will Meet To-morrow.

At the Canteen grounds to-morrow afternoon the first senior Island game in Victoria will be played between Esquimalt and Ladysmith. Ladysmith will have several of the imported Winnipeggers in the line up, and from reports the team will be considerably stronger than the second division team which played Victoria West here last Saturday.

The Esquimalt team selected last night is: Goal, Castello; full backs, Diegan and Dunn; half backs, W. Young, W. Malcolm and Telford; forwards, W. M. Young, J. Sherritt, Barnes, J. Young and W. Gowan.

BOWLING.

TWO-NIGHT CONTEST.

A contest between the bowlers of the Elite and the Douglas street alleys has long been talked of, and has now been arranged to take place to-night at the Douglas street alleys, with a return match at the Elite alleys Wednesday night next. The score will be taken from the total pins scored by the teams on both matches. The men from the Elite alleys say they have a surprise in hand for their opponents, who, however, declare it is only a question of how many their five will win by. The teams are:

Elites.

"A" Team—Burley, Anderson, Schenk, Hick, Jordan.

"B" Team—Wilson, Cusack, Askland, Aaronson, McCarter.

Douglas Street.

"A" Team—Matthews, Williams, Townsley, Jameson, Moran.

"B" Team—Brook, Vann, Proctor, Nason, Anderton.

BASKETBALL.

TACOMA BEAT VANCOUVER.

Tacoma Y. M. C. A. basketball team did themselves, and incidentally Victoria, a good service last night when they beat Vancouver's solid five by one point at Tacoma, the score being 23-22. The game was fast and furious from the commencement, and the win was expected in Tacoma, as the home team has been beaten only once on their own floor in two years. Vancouver expects to beat Portland to-night.

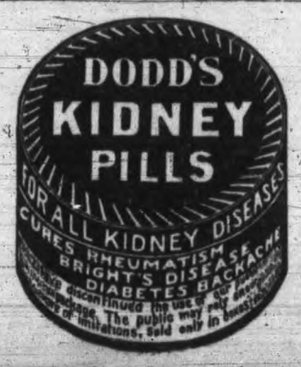
GAMES TO-NIGHT.

North Ward and Y. M. C. A. and Esquimalt and Victoria West are down to play to-night in the intermediate basketball league.

THE KENNEL.

CANADIAN DOG CHAMPION.

Grand Junction, Tenn., Jan. 28.—"Manitoba Rap," a pointer, the property of Thomas Johnson, of Winnipeg, has been declared the winner of the Championship Stakes of the United States field trials, the national championship of the year. The dog is little more than two and a half years old. It is the first time that a pointer has won the stakes.



INTER-CITY RUGBY MATCH TO-MORROW

Victoria and Vancouver Teams Will Meet in McKechnie Cup Series.

The third Rugby game between Victoria and Vancouver in the McKechnie cup series will take place to-morrow at Oak Bay. Alexis Martin will blow the whistle at 2.45. The local supporters say the Victoria team is the strongest the city has ever put in the field. The two teams follow:

Victoria—Full back, Gowan; three-quarters, Meredith, Gillespie, Lowry and Nason; half backs, Bray and Newcomb; forwards, Sweeney, Spencer, Miller, Hopgood, Graham (W. S.), Graham-Graham, Arbuckle and Bromley. Reserves—Milligan, Benson, Vincent and Thompson.

Vancouver—Full back, Ellis; three-quarters, Gibson, Tyson and Brydone-Jack; five-eighths, McLorg and McKinnon; half back, Yates; wing forward, Sawer (N.); forwards, Bryant, Jewett, Loftus, Gale, Ensor, Thomas and Shearer. Reserves—Chaffey, Davis and Johnson.

In the event of Bray not taking his place on the Victoria team, Hopgood will play at half back, while Milligan will go on the forward line.

ATHLETICS.

LONGBOAT BEATEN.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 29.—Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, was defeated by Mike Spring and Bobby Hallon in the special ten-mile relay race in the Essex armory here. The two men ran a five-mile relay against the Indian. Hallon ran the first relay for the white men and Spring the second. When Spring took up the running, he set such a fast pace that the Indian was unable to hold him. Spring won by more than a lap.

—The Ancient Order of Foresters will organize at Cedar Hill in the Temperance hall to-night at 8 o'clock. All charter members are asked to attend at 7:30 to carry out business. All resident members are cordially invited.

CUSTOMS SALE

Tenders will be received up to the 30th January inst. for the purchase of 20,000 confiscated Cigars. For full particulars and forms of tender apply to the Collectors of Customs, Victoria and Nanaimo.

B. H. SMITH,
Collector Customs.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 21st, 1909.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for hot water heating system, Detention Building, Victoria, B. C.," will be received at this office until 4.30 p. m., on Thursday, February 11th, 1909, for the work mentioned.

Plans and specification to be seen on application to Mr. Wm. Henderson, Resident Architect, Victoria, B. C., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, where all necessary information can be obtained.

By order,
NAPOLEON TESSIER,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, January 20th, 1909.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the department.

THREE CHOICE HOMES

One less than half a mile from the City Hall, near the new City Park, 5 large rooms, reception hall, scullery and pantry, linen closets, large attic, could be divided into three more rooms, and large basement, with very choice lot.

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CIVIC NOTICE

TO PRINTERS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned for the printing and binding of the Annual Reports of the Corporation for the year 1908, until Monday next, the 1st day of February, 1909, at 4 p. m.

Sample copy may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B.C., January 27th 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Evans, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that, under an order made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, dated the 21st day of January, 1909, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of their claims to me on or before the 21st day of February, 1909, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 23rd day of January, 1909.

WILLIAM MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the "Companies Winding-up Act, 1898," Chapter 14, Statutes of British Columbia.

LENZ & LEISER, LIMITED.
In Liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that by an Extraordinary Resolution of the members of Lenz & Leiser, Limited, passed at a general meeting of the members of the Company, held in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on the 25th January, 1909, it was resolved that the above Company be voluntarily wound up under the provisions of the above Statute, and the undersigned has been duly appointed Liquidator for the purpose of winding-up the affairs of the said Company and distributing the property thereof. All creditors of the Company are required to deliver to the undersigned before the 31st March, 1909, full particulars of their claims, verified by statutory declaration. After such date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the Company according to law.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1909.

MOSES LENZ,
Liquidator.

READ THE TIMES

Thorpe's Pale Dry Ginger Ale

Prize Medal and Diploma at World's Fair

Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—Gleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

TIME CHARTER FOR STEAMER EIR

Will Load Lumber on Puget Sound for West Coast.

Capt. Marcussen, of the steamer Eir, received word yesterday that his vessel had been chartered by W. R. Grace & Co. to carry lumber to the West Coast. The Eir arrived here on November 22nd and has since that time been lying in Esquimalt harbor. She will in all probability leave the second week in next month on time charter to load on Puget Sound.

The chartering of the Eir leaves but one setamer in Esquimalt disengaged, the Agapanthus, which changed owners quite recently. There are also two windjammers in the harbor, the Senator and the Halewood. It was not long ago that there were a dozen disengaged craft in the harbor, but one by one they have been taken and gone to different parts of the world.

A new charter has been arranged by the Hastings Timber & Trading Co. The American schooner David Evans, of San Francisco, a vessel of some 748 tons register, is to load lumber from the Hastings sawmill, Vancouver, for Australia. She is expected to arrive from Callao the second week of March.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer Tosa Maru leaves for the Orient on Tuesday next.

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Australian liner Aorangi is expected to leave for the southern seas this evening.

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Two stowaways came on the steamer Camosun on her last trip down from Prince Rupert. They were handed over to the police on the arrival of the steamer.

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Ship Ditton is being towed to sea this afternoon by one of the Puget Sound tugs. The final complement of her crew went up on the E. & N. railway to Chemainus this morning.

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Cape Race, Nfld., Jan. 29.—Steamer La Gascogne, from Havre for New York, was 1,000 miles east of Sandy Hook at 8.40 a.m. to-day. She will dock about 7 a.m. on Monday.

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TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, January, 1909.

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
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2	.. ..	..	10 38	9.5	18 57	2.8	.. ..	..
3	.. ..	..	11 04	9.7	19 38	1.8	.. ..	..
4	.. ..	..	11 21	9.8	20 16	1.3	.. ..	..
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6	.. ..	..	12 22	9.7	21 27	1.0	.. ..	..
7	.. ..	..	12 39	9.4	23 03	1.3	.. ..	..
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13	1 06	4.6	8 59	8.7	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
14	1 34	5.4	9 07	8.8	18 20	3.7	.. ..	..
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28	1 30	5.3	8 26	9.0	15 42	4.5	.. ..	..
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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

Esquimalt (at the dry dock).—From observations during six months, in 1909, compared with simultaneous observations at Victoria: Add to the time of tide at Victoria: For high water 14m. For low water 17m.

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Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd.

NELSON, B. C.

PRINCESS BEATRICE ARRIVES FROM NORTH

Steamer Brings Fifty Horses From Mainland for G. Sangster of Saanich.

Steamer Princess Beatrice arrived from the North last evening, bringing the crew of the steamer Venture from Port Essington. She also brought about twenty other passengers from Northern ports. The trip was a pleasant one after leaving Vancouver, except for constantly falling snow. The snow at some of the northern points, noticeably in the neighborhood of Swanson Bay, was very deep.

The Beatrice brought from Vancouver a consignment of fifty horses for George Sangster, of North Saanich. These were shipped from the Nicola Valley by the Douglas Lake ranch, of which J. B. Graves is the manager and principal shareholder. Most of the horses are heavy, many of them being standard bred Clydesdales, and some have already been sold to local customers. One of the carloads was taken by R. Porter & Sons, of this city.

The Beatrice will leave for Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlottes on Monday evening next.

EMPRESS SAILS.

White Liner Left Outer Dock Last Evening For Far East.

The Empress of India sailed last evening for the East. She carried a full cargo of miscellaneous merchandise, amongst which is a small consignment of machinery from Eastern Canada for Japan and several carloads of grain for both Japanese and Chinese ports. In all there was a cargo of some eleven hundred tons.

Amongst those going to the Orient were the following: Mrs. J. C. Hyel, Misses M. Bakenhus, Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Salmon, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Millman, Revs. Bayle and A. Mullin, Messrs. Collinson, J. W. Chadderton, J. H. Clegg, A. G. Crane, H. P. Fletcher, W. Hilton, S. Lichtenberg, T. H. R. Shaw, F. Walker, J. Nishimaki, K. Saburi.

SHIPPING REPORT

Tatoosh, Jan. 29, 8 a. m.—Light rain; wind E., 50 miles; bar. 29.93; temp. 46.

Pachena, Jan. 29, 8 a. m.—Heavy rain; wind E.; bar. 29.70; temp. 39; sea moderate.

Estevan, Jan. 29, 8 a. m.—Rain; strong S. E. wind; bar. 29.76; temp. 43; sea rough.

Cape Lazo, Jan. 29, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind S. E.; bar. 29.86; temp. 37; sea moderate.

Point Grey, Jan. 29, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind S. E.; bar. 29.80; temp. 30. Passed out, C. P. R. transfer, in tow, at 7 a. m.

Tatoosh, Jan. 29, noon.—Light rain; wind E., 36 miles; bar. 29.82; temp 39.

Pachena, Jan. 29, noon.—Rain; fresh easterly wind; bar. 29.66; temp. 40; heavy swell.

Estevan, Jan. 29, noon.—Rain; S. E. gales; bar. 29.76; temp. 45; sea rough.

Cape Lazo, Jan. 29, noon.—Rough; strong S. E. wind; bar. 29.83; temp. 38; sea moderate.

Point Grey, Jan. 29, noon.—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.58; temp. 40; at 11 William Jolliffe, towing lightship to Sand Heads, and gasoline launch.

MORNING STAR READY.

Trial Trip Is to Be Made To-morrow.

There has been some delay in getting the steamer Morning Star, the freighter recently purchased by the Greer, Courtney & Skene Company, ready for the Vancouver-Tacoma service. She will, however, make her trial trip to-morrow, and if everything goes well will leave Tacoma for Vancouver to-morrow night. She has accommodation for a few passengers, but will cater chiefly to the freighting business.

GRAIN CHARTERING AT END FOR PRESENT

There Are Now Twenty-four Disengaged Vessels on Coast.

Grain chartering is at an end with no indications of further fixtures until the new season arrives, says the San Francisco Commercial News. Disengaged tonnage available for grain numbers seven vessels of 15,097 tons at San Francisco, eleven of 23,616 tons at Puget Sound and British Columbia, six of 11,522 tons at Portland, a total of twenty-four vessels of 50,267 tons register, or far more than is necessary for either the grain or lumber movement.

Lumber chartering has been more active this week, quite a number of small vessels being taken for Guaymas, Callao, Melbourne and Adelaide. The Norwegian steamer Henrik Ibsen, which arrived January 10th under charter to load on Grays Harbor for Australia, lost her charter on account of delay by repairs, and the British steamer Rumford at Honolulu was taken in her place at 30s. The only large sailer fixed for lumber during the week was the Carmanian at Portland, to load lumber on the Sound for United Kingdom to replace the French ship Alice, wrecked on the northern coast; the Alice had a rate of 50s for direct port, while the Carmanian was fixed at 45s. Coastwise chartering has been fairly brisk this week at the usual rate of $3.75 to this port and $4.50 south.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d@30s; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s@32s 6d; to Fremantle, 37s 6d; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s; Callao, 38s 9d@40s; Valparaiso for orders, 40s@42s 6d; 2s 6 less to a direct port; to South African ports, 47s 6d to U. K. or continent, 45s@47s; Guaymas, $6; Santa Rosalia, $7.

Weddel, Turner & Co.'s Australasian freight report, dated London, January 5th, says.

St. Australia—May-June boat chartered for Karachi for sleepers at 19s 9d, option Bombay and Karachi 20s 6d per load. Small sailer fixed for timber to Paysandu at 38s 9d.

South Australia and Victoria—Several sailers reported fixed at 21s 3d@22s 6d U. K. or continent, a few of the ships giving the option of South Africa at 19s@21s.

New South Wales and Sydney—Early steamer fixed on time charter for the run home at 4s 3d on d. w.; also a sailer for wheat at 21s 3d U. K. or continent.

New castle—One or two ships chartered for picked nitrate ports at 16s@17s 6d.

The Sailing Owners International Union, which met in London last month, has decided that the union rates shall go into effect once more after May 1st of this year. The rate from the North Pacific to the United Kingdom after that date will be the same as at present, namely 27s 6d.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

From the Orient.

Vessel.	Due.
Shinano Maru	Feb. 4
Empress of Japan	Feb. 6
From Australia.	
Moana	Feb. 11
From Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Feb. 16
From Chili.	
Cecil	Jan. —
From Liverpool.	
Leemun	Feb. 21
TO SAIL	
For the Orient	
Empress of Japan	Feb. 24
Tosa Maru	Feb. [illegible]
For Australia	
Aorangi	Jan. 29
Moana	Feb. 26
For Mexico.	
Georgia	Jan. 31

SAILING VESSELS

TO ARRIVE

Name.	Left.	Date.	For.
Puritan	Boston	Sept. 14	Vancouver
Procyon	Callao		Royal Roads
David Evans			Vancouver

COASTWISE STEAMERS

TO ARRIVE

From San Francisco.

Vessel.	Due.
Queen	Feb. 1
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Feb. 4
From Northern B. C. Ports.	
Queen City	Feb. 4
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 11
From West Coast.	
Tees	Jan. 31
TO SAIL.	
For San Francisco.	
Santa Rosa	Feb. 1
For Skagway.	
Princess May	Feb. 8
For Northern B. C. Ports.	
Queen City	Feb. 7
Vadso	Feb. 10
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 1
For West Coast.	
Tees	Feb. 1

FERRY SERVICE

Seattle and Vancouver.

Princess Charlotte leaves here at 12.30 a. m., arrives at Vancouver at 7 a. m.; leaves Vancouver at 1 p. m., arrives here at 6 p. m.

Princess Victoria leaves Victoria at 2 p. m., arrives at Vancouver 7 p. m. daily except Monday; leaves Vancouver 10 p. m. daily except Monday, arrives at Seattle 7.30 a. m. daily except Tuesday; leaves Seattle 8.30 a. m., arrives at Victoria 1 p. m. daily except Tuesday.

Princess Royal leaves Victoria at 3.30 p. m., arrives at Seattle 9 p. m. daily except Tuesday; leaves Seattle 10 p. m. daily except Tuesday, arrives at Vancouver 7.30 a. m. daily except Wednesday; leaves Vancouver 9 a. m., arrives at Victoria 2.15 p. m. daily except Wednesday.

S.S. Whatcom sails daily except Thursday for Seattle at 8 p. m.; arrives daily except Thursday from Seattle at 3.30 p.m.

CREW OF VENTURE ARRIVE FROM NORTH

No Salvage Expected From Burnt Craft—Even Engines Destroyed.

The crew of the steamer Venture came down last night on the Princess Beatrice, their vessel having been completely gutted on the Skeena by the fire which was reported in these columns a day or two ago. According to the crew the third engineer, Turnbull, was the first to discover the fire near the boilers. He pulled open one of the bulkhead doors to find out where the smoke was coming from, when the fire burst out and he had to retreat rapidly. The rest of the crew were alarmed and they soon tumbled out. Within 20 minutes the fire had made such headway that it became necessary to cut the steamer loose in order to save the wharf.

Drifting ashore not far from the Dominion cannery, she had not even the protection of the water, for even it sank around her and left the greater part of the hull a prey to the flames. Nothing is left now but the twisted remnants of the engines and a small part of the hull, which was saved by the water. No salvage of any value is expected.

VICTORIA'S PETITION TO BE REPORTED TO HOUSE

Private Bills Committee Deals With a Number of Prayers.

The private bills committee met this morning and considered a number of petitions.

The Flathead Valley Railway Company, which is represented by Mr. Corbin, will be reported. Attention was, however, called to the fact that the petition differed from the advertisement.

Vancouver city's petition asking for amendments to its charter was laid over until February 5th in order to comply with the rule respecting advertising.

The petition relative to the amalgamation of the Coldstream Estate Company and the While Valley Irrigation Company will be reported.

The petition of John Hopp asking for the consolidation of placer leases was in the hands of R. T. Elliott, K. C. The petition will be reported.

The Goat River Water Power Light Company's petition passed the committee and will be reported.

The petition for Victoria city's proposed amendment to the Waterworks' act will be reported also.

The petition for Graham Island railway, represented by Harold Robertson, was laid over for one week to allow copies of advertisements to be received.

Another petition which it was decided to report was that asking for the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company.

The Shuswap and Thompson River Boom Company promise to have strong opposition with respect to their petition. The committee had before it this morning a series of protests against the enterprise from different parties. These had been forwarded to the attorney-general and in turn sent on to the committee. The latter considered that it could not be dealt with by the committee in that shape. It was decided therefore to notify those concerned that they should be represented before the committee or should forward petitions in the matter to the House, February 8th being fixed as the date for so doing.

SAND AND GRAVEL TENDERS.

Henry B. Hicks Writes on Subject to City Council.

The secretary of the B. C. Sand and Gravel Company called at the Times office this morning with a copy of a letter sent to the city council in reference to the assertion made at the meeting Monday night that Henry B. Hicks was "a straw man," in regard to the sand and gravel contract. The company's representative said this morning in explanation of the matter that they had undertaken to guarantee Hicks' supply. His statement was: "Our tender this year is lower than the one we made last year. When the tenders were opened this year Hicks was found to be the lowest, and we have bought Hicks out." He further said the supply would come from the company's works at Royal Bay. The letter to the council reads as follows:

Victoria, B. C., 27th January, 1909.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria:

Gentlemen:—The city of Victoria will in ordinary course use twenty-five thousand yards of sand and gravel during the present year; namely, eighteen thousand yards of gravel and seven thousand yards of sand.

On my tender, which in express terms offers to enter into a contract complying with your specifications in every respect, including employment of white labor only, the city will save over four thousand dollars.

The acceptance of any other tender or combination of tenders will involve the city in a loss of over four thousand dollars.

It will be a most unjust thing to inflict a fine of four thousand dollars upon the ratepayers by rejecting my tender, as I am ready to contract on the basis of entire compliance with the specification to furnish bond for the furnishing of good material and the employment of white labor only under the contract.

Yours truly,

HENRY B. HICKS.

We guarantee performance of above.

B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO.,
W. G. KEGLER, Mgr.

—Last evening at the Victoria theatre "The Flower of the Ranch" was presented. The comedy was a most enjoyable one. The songs are catchy and the company a good one. The attendance was not as large as might have been expected.

For the nourishment of horses, five pounds of oats are equal to ten pounds of fresh clover.

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What Other People Think

SPEAKING COMPARISONS.

To the Editor:—I wonder which is best, to "rush into print" on a subject all right thinking people must feel strongly on, or into an advertisement of "a sailing vessel fleet," its officers, etc., and the good work they are doing in "turning out excellent sailors?" So far as I could gather, there was no reflection on the solicitor. It must be a tender conscience to be so easily "stung." Extreme severity and clemency or leniency seem to have been sandwiched this last year, with the severity in the wrong place.

First, the Graham and Kinsman boys; average age, 11 years; severe sentence.

Second, Medina, Watson and Gibbons, young men; average age, 18 years; sentence, sea voyage and music hall engagement.

Third, Graham and Dean boys; average age, 11 years; severe sentence.

Were the solicitor to write columns to the Times it won't prevent people from talking and thinking, and writing, too, Sir, on this new flat justitia, and of course people will naturally wonder out loud, what were the reasons for the extreme leniency (of the sentence, I was going to add) shown to Mr. Bowser's relatives, whose previous record is, to put it mildly, rotten?

This sort of business makes me long for English law, where, at any rate, they temper justice with mercy, and have a First Offenders' Act.

WM. J. POWER.

WANTS TO KNOW.

To the Editor:—Re the letter in Tuesday's Times. I could not help being struck by these words, "Should the facts of the case warrant the exercise of clemency," in the case of the Medina-Watson-Gibbons gang of burglars. What were the facts that elicited such an incredible degree of mercy? We all know "Mercy is twice blessed," but can none of that bounteous shower proceeding from the Premier and Attorney-General be directed on four unlucky (I call them that advisedly) children, two of whom have just been sentenced, and the other two (for stealing sacks) were sentenced to a still longer term last year? Were there no "facts" in their "case" to "warrant the exercise of clemency?" Not even youth? I don't think anyone would "accuse the Premier of tampering with justice" if he would temper his justice with mercy, and let the children (who only number about half the years of the unbranded young criminals who have literally left the court without a stain on their character) have a "chance to reform." One is tempted almost to inquire, if youthful burglars who are only connected by marriage with the Attorney-General got off so scot free, what would have been the verdict if they had been kith and kin?

J. RAMSDEN.

Victoria, Jan. 27th, 1909.

AID TOWARDS BRIDGE.

Deputation Waits Upon Local Government To-Day Seeking Assistance.

This morning a deputation representing the cities of Vancouver and North Vancouver and the municipality of Burnaby waited upon the local government. The deputation ask aid for a joint railway and traffic bridge across the second Narrows at Vancouver.

The chief spokesmen were: Mayor Douglas, of Vancouver; E. H. Heaps, president of the Vancouver board of trade; Mayor May, of North Vancouver; and Reeve Byrne, of Burnaby.

The government heard the representations which were made on behalf of the granting of aid to this $600,000 bridge, and promised to take it into consideration.

WAGNER AND HIS GRAVE.

Wagner, the eminent musician and composer, was not exempt from peculiar fancies. His mind seemed to run to the gruesome, and during his lifetime he had his grave constructed. It was in the garden at the back of his home, and he would often go and look at it, that he might not forget its existence.

The worst of it was that he constantly insisted that his friends should remember it, too, and when he was entertaining them at dinner he would suddenly break off the conversation, and begin declaiming on eternity and the grave. "My friends," he would say, "in the midst of life we are in death." I should very much like to show you my grave, if you will allow me."

And, starting from the dinner table, he would lead the way, followed by his guests, to the corner of his garden where his grave was. And there he would give his companions further dissertations on eternity.

The eyes of hares are never closed, as they are unprovided with eyelids. Instead thereof they have a thin membrane, which covers the eye when asleep, and probably also when at rest.

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EVENING

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How different in the evening, when the rush and hurry of the day is done. Then comes the return of the husband to happy wife and family. Cheery fires glow their welcome and the best hours of the day are still to come.

Lying on the table is the Evening Times "Victoria's Home Paper," fresh from the press and containing all the news of the day. Any wonder that the evening paper has a warm welcome? By the way, does your ad. appear in it regularly?

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Hon. James Dunsmuir's yarcht Dolaura went over to Seattle a day or two ago, taking Mrs. Dunsmuir and a party of about a dozen friends. They will be returning in a few days.

* * *

The Queen City had to refuse a shipment of brick for Swanson Bay, when she left for the north a day or two ago, on account of lack of space. The spring rush is commencing early this year.

SEATTLE ROUTE

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (160 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands on either odd or even numbered Sections south of Township 45, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 28, and west of the third Meridian and the Sault Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1.00 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet. Fee, $5.00. At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When $500 has been expended or paid and other requirements complied with the claim may be purchased at $1.00 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 100 feet square. Entry fee, $5.00.

DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 20 years. Rental, $10 a mile per annum. Royalty, 2½ per cent after the output exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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In the World of Finance and Trade

Local Markets—Stock Quotations From New York, Chicago and London—Doings in Mining Centres

COPPER MARKET

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Boston, Jan. 29.

	Bid.	Asked.
Adventure	7¾	8
Boston Cons.	14	14¼
Butte Coalition	23	23½
East Butte	7¾	8
Greene Cananea	10¼	10¼
Isle Royale	25¾	25¾
Lake	17	17¼
Mass	5¼	5¾
Michigan	11	12
Miami	13¾	13½
Mohawk	62	..
Nevada-Utah	5¾	5¾
Nevada Cons.	17¼	18¼
North Butte	74½	74¾
Osceola Copper	128	129
Old Dominion	50¼	51¼
Parrot Mining	26½	27½
Quincy Copper	89	90
Superior Copper	38¼	38½
Tamarack	27	28
Trinity	14¼	15¼
Victoria	4½	4¾
United Copper	13¼	13½
U. S. Smelt. & Ref.	41	42
Do., pref.	44¾	45
Utah Consolidated	40½	40¾
Utah Copper	43¼	44
Winona	5	6

MINING STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Spokane, Jan. 29.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	2	3
Copper King	4½	6
Gertie	2½	3
Humming Bird	6	7½
Lucky Calumet	8¾	10
Missoula Copper	3¼	4½
Monitor	29½	31½
Nabob	2½	3
O. K. Consolidated	1	2
Oom Paul	5½	5½
Panhandle Smelter	2½	3
Rex	8½	9
Snowshoe	7	7½
Snowstorm	188	200
Stewart	60	85
Tamarack	80	110
Wonder	2½	3
International Coal	73	76
Rambler Cariboo	14	16
Kendall	80	100

AUTO RACE TRACK BILLS.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 29.—The committee on public morals of the senate to-day reported favorably on the Walker Otis anti-race track bills. There was no minority report. The bills will be read the second time on Monday.

Senator Walker said: "Not more than five members of the senate will vote against the bill."

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Vancouver, Jan. 29.

	Bid.	Asked.
Listed Stocks.		
Alberta Coal & Coke Co.	6	8½
Burton Saw Works	..	120
International Coal & Coke Co.	73½	75½
Portland Canal M Co.	7½	9
Western Oil, Cons.	170	190
Unlisted Stocks.		
American-Canadian Oil	9	11
B. C. Copper Co.	7½	8¼
B. C. Permanent Loan	110	130
B. C. Pulp & Paper Co.	..	80
B. C. Trust Corporation	99	110
Canadian Con. S. & R.	80	84
Canadian Northwest Oil	14	..
Cariboo Camp McKinney	1½	2
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	13	15½
Dominion Trust Co.	100	115
Great West Permanent	100	115
Granby	101	106
National Drug & Chem. Co.	75	82
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	70	74
Northern Bank	..	94
Rambler Cariboo	14½	16½
Royal Collieries	33¾	34
Sullivan	..	1
Vancouver Ice & C. S.	120	..

Sales:

500 Royal Collieries 35

GRAIN MARKET.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Jan. 29.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	107¼	107¼	107	107¼
July	97¼	98	97¼	97¼
Sept.	94¾	94¾	94¼	94½
Corn—				
May	62¾	63¼	62¾	62¾
July	63¼	63¼	63¼	63
Sept.	63	63¼	62¾	62¾
Oats—				
May	52	52¼	52	52
July	46¼	46¾	46¼	46¾
Sept.	39¼	39¼	39¼	39¼
Pork—				
May	17.22	17.25	17.20	17.20
July	17.25	17.25	17.20	17.22
Lard—				
May	9.90	9.90	9.90	9.90
July	9.90	9.92	9.87	9.90
Short Ribs—				
May	9.00	9.05	8.97	9.02
July	9.15	9.15	9.12	9.15

There are about twenty-one British birds which may be heard singing in winter in November, December and January—but only six of these are regular winter songsters—the starling, robin, hedge-sparrow, wren, skylark and corn-bunting.

LOCAL STOCKS

(By Courtesy N. B. Maysmith & Co.)

(Private Exchange.)

	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal & Coke	.09	....
American-Canadian Oil	.12	....
B. C. Copper	7.25	....
B. C. Permanent Loan	115.00	....
B. C. Pulp & Paper	.80	....
Bakeries, Limited	8.25	....
Cariboo Camp McKinney	.02½	.03
Diamond Coal	.55	....
Diamond Vale C. & I.	.13	....
Great West Permanent	100.00	....
Granby	97.00	....
International Coal & Coke	.69	....
Nicola Valley C. & C.	70.00	77.00
Nootka Marble Quarries	6.00	....
Northern Bank	85.00	....
Pingree Mines, Ltd.	....	.29
Portland Canal Mining	.05	....
Pacific Coast Fire	90.00	124.00
Royal Collieries	.31	.36
Silica Brick	5.00	....
Snowstorm	1.90	....
United Wireless (unstamped)	12.50	....
Victoria Transfer Co.	35.00	....
Vancouver Briquette Coal	....	.32
Western Oil	1.50	....

Note.—Pacific Coast Fire is sold at the above quotation subject to a call by the company of $24 per share.

UNITED MINE WORKERS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—To-day's session of the United Mine Works' convention was enlivened by a bitter debate over the national organizers. The faction opposed to President Lewis charged that the organizers were sent into Pennsylvania for electioneering purposes. This statement was branded as untrue by President Lewis, who defended the organizers. A resolution was before the convention instructing that the national organizers should be sent into the unorganized field of Pennsylvania. Delegate Fairley offered an amendment to include all other fields, and this was adopted with the resolution.

DEPORTATION EXPENSES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—"Railroads cannot allow special fares for transporting Chinese to ports of deportation, even though the expense is paid by the government. The hours of service law does not apply to employees on a ferry, even though the ferry be owned by a railroad company."

These were among several administrative rulings announced by the interstate commission to-day.

When a vessel is on her trial trip, she runs four times over a measured mile, twice with and twice against the tide. Her average speed is thus arrived at.

COAL PRODUCTION IN NOVA SCOTIA

Competition is Keenly Felt With the United States Fields.

The record of production in the Nova Scotia coal mines for the past year shows a slight increase over the year previous. The progress made is, however, more real than apparent, because 1908 has been a year of financial depression, and the market has not admitted of the increased outputs that Nova Scotian coal mines are prepared to produce when the demand arises, says F. W. Gray in the Canadian Mining Journal. An approximate estimate of 1908 shipments compared with the figures for 1907 are as follows:

	1907.	1908.
Dominion Coal Co.	3,156,000	3,200,000
Nova S. S. & C. Co.	630,000	640,000
Acadia Coal Co.	322,000	320,000
Cumber'd R. & C.Co.	276,000	350,000
Intercolonial C. Co.	274,000	240,000
Inverness Coal Co.	243,000	260,000
Port Hood	64,000	100,000
Other companies	150,000	150,000
	5,115,000	5,260,000

In common with the remainder of the Dominion, the province had an early and open spring, and a summer of exceptionally fine and dry weather. Coal shipments to Montreal commenced about six weeks earlier than in the previous year, and the lead gained was well maintained until the month of September. Towards the end of this month the navigation of the St. Lawrence was greatly hindered by the smoke from forest fires, which for weeks together obscured the river from Gaspe to Montreal. The weather was serene and sunny, and at times the blue haze of the smoke reached as far as the Cape Breton coast. Notwithstanding, however, the serious delays from this cause, the tonnage of coal shipped from Nova Scotia to St. Lawrence ports during the season of 1908 was the largest in the history of the trade. The Dominion Coal Company's shipments for the season totalled 1,346,000 tons. Their St. Lawrence shipments during 1907 were 1,146,000 tons, a record figure at that date.

As previously intimated, the season's shipments would have been very much larger had it not been for the marked depression in the demand which characterized the late summer. Nova Scotia did not feel the full reflex of the financial panic of the previous October until the autumn. The mining centres, indeed, were not affected until the cessation of shipments to the St. Lawrence.

One other feature of the season just past, which at the present time is exercising an adverse influence on the coal mines of Nova Scotia, is the persistent and strenuous attempt which is being made to introduce United States coal into Quebec and Ontario. The United States operators are evidently making a determined effort to capture the Canadian market, and the recent proposals of the Pittsburg coal operators asking for free customs entry of United States coal into the Dominion, are not without their significance to the Nova Scotia mining industry.

For many reasons United States coal can be put on the Montreal market in better physical condition than coal from Nova Scotia. The very excellence of the Cape Breton coals, for example, militates against their appearance when they arrive in Montreal. These coals are pure and fragile in their structure. They quickly disintegrate, but the process does not adversely affect their heating or commercial value to the consumer. In many respects Cape Breton coal resembles Pocahontas coal. Did our Nova Scotian coals always sell on their B. T. U.'s, they would very easily challenge competition with any United States fuel that retails in Montreal. Purchasers of coal are very human, however, and they often prefer looks to quality. One large company in Cape Breton intend to hold their trade in Upper Canada against all comers, and they are facing this problem at the present time with a view to so improving their coal handling appliances that their product will be placed on the market in the best possible physical condition.

FARM ANIMALS WORTH $350,000,000

Report on Values of Stock and Land in Dominion.

The census and statistics office at Ottawa a few days ago issued a report for the year ended December 31st, 1908, on farm land values in the Dominion, the values of farm animals, and the averages of farm and domestic wages.

The average value of farm land for all the provinces is $35.70 per acre. In give of the provinces it is under $30, being $27.30 in Manitoba, $25 in Nova Scotia, $21.40 in New Brunswick, $20.40 in Saskatchewan and $18.20 in Alberta. In Prince Edward Island the average is $33.70 per acre, in Quebec $41.90, in Ontario $47.30 and in British Columbia $76.10. Values are high in the last named province owing to the comparatively large extent of farm land there in orchard and small fruits.

The average value of horses at the end of the year was $46 for those under one year, $100 for those of one to under three years, and $143 for those of three years and over. Horses of the last class are below an average of $120 in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Alberta; in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario they are about $140, and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan they are $170 to $176. Milch cows have an average value in the Dominion of $34, ranging from $29 in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick to $36 in Ontario and $37 in Saskatchewan; but in British Columbia the average is $48. Other horned cattle have an average value over the Dominion of $9 for those under one year, $21 for those of one to under three years and $32 for those of three years and over. These averages are generally close for all the provinces, but the highest values are given for Ontario and the Western provinces.

The average value of swine is given as $5.86 per 100 pounds live weight, being lower in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and highest in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. Sheep are given an average value of $5.23 per head for the Dominion, and are below the average in the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

The total value of farm animals computed on the former averages and the number of animals on farms in June was $350,000,000. The June price of wool for the Dominion was 18 cents per pound.

The average wages of farm and domestic help for the Dominion per month was $24.60 for males and $13.50 for females, and per year, $209 for males and $130 for females. The highest averages are reported for the western provinces, where they reach about $300 per year for males and $160 for females. In Ontario and Quebec the average for males is about $240 and for females $120 per year.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE.

Edinburgh, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Atherton testified to-day in the cross suit for divorce filed by John Alexander Stirling against his wife, who was Clara Elizabeth Taylor, an American show girl, before her marriage, and caused a sensation in the court by the statement that Mrs. Stirling once purchased a revolver and declared she would shoot Lord Sutherland named as correspondent by Mrs. Stirling, unless he married her.

"I am not going to be treated in the same way you have been," Mrs. Atherton declared Mrs. Stirling said to her. This was a reference to Capt. Yarde Buller, who refused to marry Mrs. Atherton after her divorce in which he was co-respondent.

A violin contains 69 pieces, made up in the following way: Back, 2 pieces; belly, 2; coins and blocks, 6; sides, 5; side-linings, 12; bar, 1; purflings, 24; neck, 1; finger-board, 1; nut, 1; bridge, 1; tail-board, 1; button for tailboard, 1; string for tailboard, 1; guard for string, 1; sound-post, 1; strings, 4; pegs, 4.

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DESSERT SPOONS—Extra weight (Half dozen)	$13.05
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TABLE SPOONS—Heavy weight (Half dozen)	$14.60
TABLE SPOONS—Extra weight (Half dozen)	$16.20
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DESSERT FORKS—Heavy weight (Half dozen)	$11.25
DESSERT FORKS—Extra weight (Half dozen)	$12.80
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TABLE SPOONS—Extra weight (Half dozen)	$16.20

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INVESTIGATING STREET WORK

CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE EVIDENCE UNDER OATH

Several Civic Employees Give Views at Sitting Last Night.

The new council last night took up the work of investigating the conduct of the city construction work, which was commenced by the old council. There were but three witnesses, one of whom was Charles Mitchell, a foreman in charge of one of the sidewalk construction gangs; A. Steadham, a former foreman who was laid off a short time ago, and George Jeeves. The first of these knew of nothing wrong, but Messrs. Jeeves and Steadham had things to say which brought the opinion from some of the members of the council that there was at least something irregular, and further investigation was needed in order to prove or disprove the statements made. Accordingly it was decided to continue next Thursday night and to put the witnesses on their oath. Several will be summoned, among them being A. Pyke, John Etcher and Harry Cole, former employees, as well as representatives of R. P. Rithet & Co. and of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company. The foremen and superintendents of construction work will also be on hand, so that they may be called if necessary.

By 8 o'clock quite a number of spectators, many of whom were laborers and others engaged in city work, assembled in the hall to listen to the inquiry, and at times they applauded vociferously, but were promptly checked by the mayor, who on one occasion threatened to clear the room.

In opening the mayor announced the object of the meeting to be to make inquiries into the methods of doing city work and to hear suggestions and make plans for the future conduct of the work. All the aldermen were present.

Charles Mitchell.

Charles Mitchell, the first witness, said he had charge of the cement sidewalk construction with from 22 to 25 men under him. Material had always been ordered on time, but it did not always get there quickly enough. If any man did not do a fair day's work he discharged him. He had done this in one case. When material did not come in time he used the nearest 'phone until he got it. He thought work done under his charge was done a great deal cheaper than contract work, according to the quality of the work.

In answer to Ald. Fullerton, Mr. Mitchell said he favored having one gang do the whole work. He hired the teams for clearing, but not delivering material. Teams never lost time on his work. A couple of men had been sent him from the city hall.

In answer to Ald. Bishop he said he always gave the preference to Victoria men when hiring.

In answer to Ald. Humber he was of opinion that he got two yards of gravel on each wagon. He would be surprised if there was not more than a yard and a half on each.

Ald. Henderson asked if there was an advantage in using a mixer.

Mr. Mitchell replied that he thought the work clearner when done with a mixer. Personally he had never worked on a mixer. He found the material that was supplied to the city very good. He could put down close on 500 feet of five-foot walk in a day with his gang after the grading was done. However, he would not average more than 350 feet a day counting moving and everything. He would use 14 loads of gravel and 150 to 160 sacks of cemet in doing that amount of work.

George Jeeves.

George Jeeves, addressing the council, suggested that figures be obtained for the work on Third street from Queen's avenue to Bay street. He was not there to cast reflections on any city officials. He first called attention to the surface drain on Hillside avenue, where no provision was made for connection on the sides. That he thought was a serious neglect. In front of his own house the drain was not deep enough to drain the cellars. He advocated putting a connection for each lot.

He then referred to the North Ward park, where Superintendent England, he said, had hauled away some hundreds of loads of black soil. It was hauled over to Rock Bay. If this was not stopped he would get out an injunction to prevent it.

Ald. Henderson explained that the park superintendent had a certain plan for improving the park, and he was carrying that out.

Mr. Jeeves then referred to the grading of Third street. He complained of the method of grading which spoiled the properties facing the street. The street had been raised two feet in the highest part. Mr. Devereux told him it would have been too much expense to blast the rock, but it was his opinion that the building up was more expensive.

Referring to sidewalk work, Mr. Jeeves said he did not blame the men. He had seen them loafing, waiting for stuff. In one place 400 feet had been laid, but not a foot of stuff was there to go on the top.

In answer to Ald. Fullerton, Mr. Jeeves said Foreman Cotton had to wait for material, and others he mentioned were in the same position.

After the road on Third street had been completed the waterworks gang appeared on the scene. They dug up the road and shovelled clay and rock all in together, so that all had to be macadamized over again. He complained that the work was done without a plan.

Mr. Jeeves thought there was no doubt that the city lost a good deal by these methods. He thought it a great mistake to appoint a man who had a pull. (Applause.) Mr. Warwick had no experience. He came from a service that was crooked. When a man is dined and presented with diamonds by material men there was something wrong.

Ald. Stewart—Did you not have a gold watch and chain given you once? "Yes."

In answer to Ald. Humber, Mr. Jeeves said he thought that they should have an engineer who would stick to what he said.

A week ago last Sunday Albert Pyke told him of a man who was intending to come and give evidence. This was told to the engineer and the latter said he would be very foolish for he might want to work for the city some other time. This concluded Mr. Jeeves' evidence.

Ald. Humber said he thought this should not be whitewashed over. It was getting serious. He thought the whitewashing should be stopped. He asked if anyone knew what a foot of sidewalk cost.

Ald. Henderson said it usually was estimated at 25 cents a foot and generally it came under that estimate.

A. Steadham.

A. Steadham answered a series of questions put by the mayor, and made the statement that material was often not on hand to keep the men working.

The Mayor—Is there no responsibility on the foreman?

"Yes, but the superintendent orders the material. Too much material was often hauled to a work and then had to be hauled away. On both Simcoe and Medina streets twenty loads had to be hauled away after the work was done. He thought the work was costing twice as much as it should.

Ald. Henderson said the men had not dumped the material in the proper places.

Mr. Steadham in answer to Ald. Raymond said he had often had to wait for new material. In one case they ran out of gravel. He asked Warwick if gravel could not be obtained but was told that the other gangs were worse off than he was. On one occasion he had gone to the gravel company and offered to engage teams, which offer had been accepted and the gravel delivered.

In answer to the mayor he said that he did not report the delays because he would have been discharged. He did not think men would do as much work for the city as they would for a contractor.

Council's Views.

The mayor here expressed his opinion that the men should be put on oath in this inquiry.

Ald. Stewart thought it now seemed to be the fault of the B. C. Sand and Gravel Company.

Ald. Humber said that this was a disgrace. He said there were numbers of the employees who would give evidence only they were afraid. They should get to the bottom of this.

Ald. Fullerton was much disappointed that so few had come forward.

Continuing Mr. Steadham said he ordered from Mr. Warwick but he found that the orders were not handed in. When he rang up Rithets or others he found they knew nothing about the orders for material. His great disadvantage in working was in getting material. He instanced Pandora street work, where he rang up Rithets. He inquired of other gangs if the same happened and found it did.

He did not think the men would do the same work for him as for a contractor. There was one man on the gang that he could not discharge. This man had strings on him. He was a friend of Mr. Warwick's. He tried to discharge him once and Mr. Warwick gave him to understand that he could not discharge the man. When he spoke about him he got a shrug of the shoulder. The man was sent to him by Warwick and told what to give him.

In answer to Ald. Raymond, Mr. Steadham said the men's time went on when there was no material. He was laid off a month ago by Mr. Warwick, who told him there was no work for the gang. The work could be done cheaper if it was under competent men. Mr. Warwick, he thought, did not understand the business. If a man like Pyke had it in hand it could be done cheaper. It was a big mistake to send 22 men with the mixer. The hand gang, he thought, beat the mixer last year, but if properly handled the mixer would be cheaper.

He quoted figures to show that there was a loss of $5,000 on a certain piece of work, and with five gangs there would be a loss of $40,000 to the city.

Ald. Stewart thought these figures were wholly misleading. Sometimes there was a lot of grading and filling.

The mayor said the only place to find out the cost was from the engineer's office.

Ald. Stewart said he was paying 25 cents a superficial foot for his work. On the Yates street part the cost was not quite as much.

To Continue Investigation.

Ald. Humber here wanted witnesses put on oath.

The mayor said comparisons had been made with other cities. They had not been working in the dark all this time. The work in this city compared favorably with that done in other cities.

Ald. Fullerton asked that James Cotton be summoned to appear.

Ald. Mable moved that the officials be summoned to meet them a week from last night.

Ald. Fullerton stated that a number of people had said they would give evidence, and he hoped they would come next week.

Ald. Raymond thought that those who had been discharged would give fair evidence on oath.

Ald. Ross expressed the opinion that there should be a thorough investigation.

A. Pyke, Jno. Etcher and Harry Cole were summoned to appear.

Ald. Turner thought a lot of time was being wasted. He was of opinion that a committee of three should be appointed to take evidence under oath and a stenographer employed. He did not think they would get through during the year at the rate they were going. He was satisfied there was some truth and some exaggeration in the statements made. He thought a committee should continue the work.

It was finally arranged that the council should sit again next Thursday night for the purpose of hearing evidence under oath, and the invitation to give evidence will be extended for a week.

Hundreds of Elderly Folks Are Getting Rid of Kidney Troubles.

That the readers of this paper appreciate advice when given in good faith is plainly demonstrated by the fact that one well-known local pharmacy supplied the ingredients for the "vegetable prescription" many times within the past two weeks. The announcement of this simple, harmless mixture has certainly accomplished much in reducing the great many cases of kidney complaint and rheumatism here, relieving pain and misery, especially among the older population, who are always suffering more or less with bladder and urinary troubles, backache and particularly rheumatism.

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VICTORIA THEATRE.

Animated Pictures Will be Exhibited To-night and To-morrow—Prizes for Amateur Performers.

The London Bioscope company at the Victoria theatre this week is exhibiting some of the best colored and humorous films that have ever been shown in Victoria. These were shown on Monday night and will be produced again to-night and to-morrow night, also at to-morrow's matinee, to which children will be admitted for five cents.

The names of pictures and songs are as follows: Mary Stuart, which depicts the life history of the unfortunate Queen of Scots, The Forgotten Watch, The Lonely Gentleman, How Simpkins Discovered the North Pole, The Sleeping Beauty, The Miller and His Merry Men, Jim is Fond of Garlic, The House at the Bridge, Making Moving Pictures, and the songs, "Mary My Heather Queen," and "Eileen My Own." Mr. Denham, wishing to encourage the talent of young Victorians, has decided that next week in connection with the entertainments he will give four prizes, one each to the best two ladies and two gentlemen, which will consist of a lady's pendant and handbag for the first and second and a watch and tie-pin for the first and second of the gentlemen. Amateurs wishing to take part in these performances will kindly call at the box office at the Victoria theatre where they can obtain full particulars.

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HEAVY SNOWFALL ON THE QUEEN CHARLOTTES

Lies to Greater Depth Than at Any Time in Past Thirty Years.

(Special Correspondence.)

Skidegate, Jan. 23.—Snow is lying on the level here to a depth of 28 inches. This is the first time in thirty years, according to the oldest inhabitants, that the snow has reached this depth at Skidegate. A number of cattle are missing, and it is supposed they will starve to death, as all tracks and trails are obliterated.

Messrs. Clark and Benson, of Seattle, accompanied by H. H. Cummings and two sons, of New York, have been guests during the past two weeks at the Queen Charlotte hotel. They have chartered a launch and are taking in all the points of interest on the inlet, and enjoying the fine duck and goose shooting which is to be had here.

Last week the Masset brass band, composed of thirty members, walked from Masset inlet to the Skidegate Indian village, a distance of forty miles, carrying their instruments, and now there is feasting and music galore at the Indian village.

OPPOSES LIQUOR LICENSES.

Resolutions Passed at Union Meeting of Churches at Prince Rupert.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Jan. 28. — Rev. Dr. Chown, of Toronto, preached at the morning and evening services held in the Methodist church on Sunday, to large and appreciative congregations.

After the evening service a union meeting of the different churches was held in the Methodist church.

Rev. Dr. Chown, who is the head of the Moral Reform Movement of the Methodist church in Canada, and is visiting the western cities in the interests of local option, made a strong appeal to those present to support the movement and keep the saloons out of Prince Rupert.

A resolution was unanimously passed that the people of Prince Rupert are not in favor of any license being granted for the sale of liquor there, and praying that the government refrain from granting any. This Dr. Chown will carry with him as the wish of the people of Prince Rupert when he goes to interview Premier McBride on his return to Victoria.

ATLIN MINING OPERATIONS.

Several Carloads of Machinery Shipped to McKee Creek.

Vancouver, Jan. 28. — When F. T. Hamshaw was in the city on his way north to Atlin, he shipped several carloads of machinery for his mining operations on McKee creek. Among this was a portable sawmill of 10,000 feet daily capacity. Mr. Hamshaw also had steel riffles which will be used in the sluices in place of the old style wooden ones. It is claimed that while the initial cost is greater, the steel last longer and catch more gold.

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A. LIPSKY.

READ THE TIMES

Social and Personal

Mrs. Blaiklock has gone on a visit to friends in Seattle.

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Miss Skinner, of Forest, Ont., is a recent arrival in town.

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Miss L. Coulson, of this city, left last night en route for Toronto.

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Mrs. J. S. Havery, Esquimalt road, is entertaining this afternoon.

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Mrs. Captain Butler was the hostess of a smart tea yesterday afternoon.

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Mrs. F. B. Rivers, of Menzies street, is the guest of her parents in Seattle.

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Mrs. Edwards, Devon Cottage, Esquimalt road, is one of to-day's hostesses.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Maybee, of Calgary, are among the latest prairie arrivals.

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Mrs. S. M. Tuck, Roccabella, left yesterday on a visit to her son in Portland, Oregon.

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Mrs. A. T. Watt, of the quarantine station, returned yesterday from a short visit to Seattle.

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Mr. and Mrs. McLean, of Tennyson road, have returned from an extended visit to San Francisco.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Hill, of South Turner street, and Mr. Arthur Noakes, the popular surveyor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thornton left last night for Vancouver en route for their home in Brandon after a two months stay here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gravelin, of Cornwall, Eng., who are at present in Victoria, are so charmed with our city that they speak of returning next autumn to spend the winter here.

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Dr. and Mrs. C. Ritchie Symmes arrived in Vancouver recently from California and are the guests of Mrs. Symmes' sister, Mrs. T. Crannell McGillvray. They will arrive shortly in Victoria, where they expect to make their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, of Seattle, are now spending their honeymoon in Victoria. Mrs. Doyle, formerly Miss Gertrude Murray, is the niece of Mr. M. H. McCabe, and was a resident of Victoria four years ago. They are stopping at the Royal hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barr entertained a few young friends very pleasantly on Wednesday evening at their home on Government street. Among those present were: Misses Bessie Stout, Minnie Fox, Dora Blackstaff, Messrs. Wm. Wood, David Wallace, Reginald Hoar and Johnson.

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Mme. Gadski held a reception on the stage after her concert on Wednesday evening, and many of the members of the Victoria Musical Society were presented to her by A. W. McCurdy, one of the vice-presidents of the club. Mme. Gadski was very much pleased and spoke with great feeling of the difference of her reception here three years ago. The floral tributes presented to her were from the members of the Alexandra Club, members of the Victoria Musical Society, Mrs. James Dunsmuir and Mrs. F. Pemberton.

PANTAGES.

Programme Presented This Week Pleases Audiences at Johnson Street House.

"A Parisian Romance," the one-act drama which is presented at Pantages theatre this week by Clara Hammer & Company, is one of the features of the programme. It is well acted and is thoroughly enjoyed by patrons. The Military. Three have also established themselves in popular favor, the two juvenile members of the trio being decided favorites.

The juggling and hoop-rolling of the Traviolas is equal to any similar act seen here. Oliver, with his rapid-firing jokes and popular songs; Robinson, "The Miner Poet," the illustrated song "Moonbeams and Dreams," and the motion pctures, "Hubby's Vacation" and "All on Account of a Butterfly," complete a very pleasing programme.

ROLLING STOCK FOR G. T. P.

Locomotive and Passenger Coaches Will Be Shipped North Shortly.

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Within the next month the first standard gauge locomotive, passenger coaches and freight cars to be used on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in British Columbia will be shipped north from New Westminster or Vancouver. The engines and cars are being shipped from the East, where they were built, to the Pacific Coast over the Great Northern railway.

—The United German Social Club celebrated Emperor Williams' fiftieth birthday at the Labor hall on Wednesday night. About fifteen families assembled and spent a jolly evening. German patriotic songs were sung and dancing kept up to an early hour.

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JOHN OLIVER RIDDLES GOVERNMENT RECORD

(Continued from page 2.)

nished us with reasons at an early period in the session as to the causes which influenced the government to become the bankers of the G. T. P., or of the townsite company. It is alleged in may quarters that this will not be the permanent terminus. I do not believe that myself, but you cannot tell. There is Port Simpson, which was long spoken of. There may be a repetition of Port Moody and Vancouver. We know that Port Moody was the statutory terminus. How do we know that the railway, after having exploited this townsite with the aid of the government of British Columbia, will not abandon it and extend the line to Port Simpson, making that the permanent Pacific port?

Timber Resources.

The seconder referred to the timber resources of the province and to the address delivered recently in Vancouver by Dr. Judson Clark. I would like to draw attention, in answer to Mr. Davey's opinion, that our timber resources are well administered, to a recent statement of W. J. Sutton, an excellent authority on such matters, of what he calls the enormous waste and slaughter of timber, especially on Vancouver Island. There can be no dispute that the process on the island is the same as on the mainland, and Mr. Sutton tells us of the wanton and wasteful destruction of the island timber resources. We did not need to be told that the forests of cedar on this island are immensely valuable, and yet in a recent fire near Cowichan cedar worth $100,000 was destroyed. Our timber resources have received attention from experts, and many have said that the waste taking place in lumber operations is altogether unjustifiable, and is ruining one of the most valuable resources in the province.

The Liberal Policy.

Last year the leader of the opposition proposed a resolution along lines which would secure to the province these resources. The policy of the Liberal party is to give security of tenure to the men who have invested their money in our timber lands, and at the same time to pass legislation which should preserve our forests from this wanton waste and destruction, preserve them from fire by a thorough system of fire protection, enable the government to withdraw the denuded portions at any time when required for agricultural purposes, and would give stable conditions to the lumber industry, and in short make the interests of the investor identical with those of the province. If the premier will compare the principles advocated by Dr. Judson Clark and those advocated by my honorable friend the member for Rossland on the floor of this House a year ago, he will find the two practically identical, and yet he and his colleagues are on record less than a year ago as voting down a proposition similar to that made by Dr. Clark, and which he now tells the House is receiving the serious consideration of the government.

Challenge to Bowser.

I venture to say that the attorney-general, who is advertised to follow me and tear me to pieces, will not take up the facts I have laid before the House. I challenge him now to take them up and controvert them if he can. We do not want any rehashed arguments used in the Dominion election or any drawing of a red herring of federal matters, but that he shall devote his talents to considering what is in the interests of this province.

The premier tells us as a proof that the license law is being administered impartially, that 23 licenses were cut off and that most of them were held by Conservatives. What are the legitimate deductions from that statement? The first is that the large majority of holders are at least nominally since the changes in the law Conservatives. They could not profitably be otherwise. The government takes care to ascertain the political predilections of applicants, and the fact that they can tell us that a majority of the cancelled licensees were Conservative is proof that they have gone to the trouble to discover this information. (Hear, hear.) Why have they gone to the trouble? There is but one answer: to bring political pressure to bear.

Licensing of Clubs.

Now we have the club licensing act. The very best criticism I can offer is contained in the government organ itself of last Thursday, when it says:

"The club licensing bill is sure to arouse a good deal of interest and some discussion, though when its provisions are made known it will be seen that no respectable clubs will be in any way affected beyond the necessity of taking out a license. Briefly, the act will ensure that every club in which liquor is sold or supplied to members will be obliged to take out an annual license of $100, which may be cancelled at any time by the attorney-general."

I do not think, knowing that gentleman as I do, that he will even take the trouble to consult the Conservative association.

"The license will be granted by the superintendent of provincial police on the written instructions only of the attorney-general, and no liquor may be sold or supplied without this license."

I am sorry to say the government seems to think that though there are many Conservative clubs in British Columbia the only respectable clubs are those patronized by the upper-ten.

"It is, perhaps, needless to say that this legislation is not aimed at respectable clubs, such as, for instance, the Union Club, the Pacific Club or the Vancouver Club."

Line of Respectability.

I do not know how the Nelson Club and other clubs in the interior are going to take that, and I am not interested, but I am interested in desiring to know, and we have a right to know, where the government will draw the line of respectability. There are workingmen on the streets of Victoria or Vancouver just as respectable as any frequenters of these clubs.

"It is not anticipated that the inspector will ever darken the doors of these institutions."

Well, that is one good thing. We cannot afford to think he would question the respectability of those who frequent them. That would be worse lese majeste than any in Germany. It must be a relief to the members of these clubs to know this on the authority of the Colonist, inspired by the attorney-general.

"But the attorney-general's department has for a long time past been in constant receipt of complaints from all parts of the province, about alleged clubs which are nothing better than dives. Men who, on account of their record, have been refused licenses have frequently started these clubs, and it has been found that the existing machinery is inadequate to cope with the evil."

In Delta a man who was refused a license by the municipality carried one of these clubs on for two years before the evidence would satisfy the attorney-general of the desirability of closing it.

Class Legislation.

The notorious Railway Porters' Club in Vancouver is just as "respectable" to the class who frequent it as the Vancouver Club is to its members. I say respectability is a question of degree, not of principle. What the Union Club in the city of Victoria is to its frequenters the Railway Porters' Club in Vancouver is to its, and if we are going to deal with this matter let us deal with it on principle and not as class legislation in the interests of so-called "respectable" clubs in this province. (Applause.) Then I notice, to make assurance doubly sure, the control of the whole machinery is kept in the hands of the attorney-general. We find the attorney-general sticking out everywhere in connection with liquor licenses in this province. (Hear, hear.)

"The control of the whole machinery has been designedly kept within the hands of the attorney-general's department, under whose guidance the superintendent of provincial police and the inspector will act. In this way all possibility of an over-zealous, newly-appointed official going officiously outside the spirit of the new enactment has been removed."

What more do you want? The inspector is not to darken the doors. The so-called respectable clubs are not to suffer from the interference of the inspector.

I do not have to look for grievances; they are thrust upon me by Conservative members of the House and by the Conservative press. There are so many thrust upon me that life is a burden. (Laughter and applause.)

Bowser's Inflexibility.

We are told, Mr. Speaker, that the attorney-general is inflexible as adamant. Not being a geologist, I do not know how inflexible adamant is, but if it will be any relief to the attorney-general I will admit that he is as inflexible as adamant. (Laughter and cheers.) I will also admit that he is infallible, because we have a witness to his infallibility. Less than a year ago he stated that if the Dominion government would only keep hands off his bill not another Jap should land in British Columbia. The matter has been in the courts and probably he will say the magistrates, county court, supreme court and full court judges were politically biassed and he did not receive fair treatment. But I would point out that he has had ample time to carry an appeal to the privy council, but he has not done so.

The Forged Telegram.

I am also willing to admit that George Washington's record is overshadowed by Mr. Bowser's reputation. We have witnesses to his truthfulness. Every day during the present week a great deal of adverse criticism has been levelled at the Colonist, the organ of the government, because it published a forged telegram in the interest of the Conservative candidate in the recent federal election of this city. I notice he does not regret this any more than the Colonist story of a Liberal conspiracy with the G. T. P. to import 50,000 Japanese. I notice under the staute laws of the land that if a man by false representation obtains what is not his he is liable to prosecution for obtaining goods under false pretensions. He is also liable to pay damages for making false statements. The man who held up the Liberals of this province and Dominion and respectable citizens to scorn and execration by means of an untruthful statement, made for political effect, is rewarded with the position of attorney-general of British Columbia. (Hear, hear.)

Is it not a question of expediency? Where is the principle involved? What is the difference between obtaining political advantage by false representations and statements and telegrams and the obtaining of goods by false pretences. (Applause.) Whereas the one false pretence is punished nothing is done with the other, as, for instance, what took place in a Victoria theatre last election and the publication in the Colonist of a forged telegram. But the principle is the same. You reward one man by putting him behind the bars and another by putting him at the head of the administration of justice in a British province.

A Sorry Exchange.

I will admit that the attorney-general is ambitious, as ambitious as Napoleon. According to the newspapers he has never lost an opportunity of impressing on the premier and the Conservative party that the present premier should withdraw from public life in the province and devote himself to federal politics as the lieutenant, if not the leader, of Mr. Borden. (Laughter.) My friend opposite may imagine for the moment that the people cannot see the reason why this course of action is pursued by that gentleman. I want to say that if our premier is a gentleman of so great ability he is needed here; the very best we have is none too good for British Columbia. (Hear, hear.) The province's interests are much more important to us, as a community than those outside. Therefore, if our present premier is a man of so great ability let us keep him here in the interest of the province. I am sure the majority of the people of British Columbia would say it would be a sorry day that the present premier should be supplanted by the attorney-general. (Laughter and cheers.)

Bowser and Duncan Ross.

I am willing to admit, too, he has all the qualities of the Iron Duke magnified many times in his constitution. He is brave. We remember him a year ago stating on the floor that certain statements made by Duncan Ross were false, and that he would take good care he would meet that gentleman in Cariboo and make him retract his words, and I do not know what was not going to happen when the two gentlemen met. But I do not seem able to recall that the honorable gentleman ever went to Cariboo to meet Duncan Ross. I do not remember any record of any meeting between Duncan Ross and the attorney-general in Vancouver. But I have no doubt whatever of the inflexibility and bravery of the attorney-general. I have no doubt that this meeting will take place sometime, maybe in the dim and distant future. I do not know when; it may be in this life, it may be in some other life. (Laughter and cheers.)

His Fishery Legislation.

I am willing also to admit that my honorable friend has the wisdom of Solomon. We have the proof of his wisdom and success as a legislator in regard to immigration, as an administrator of the fisheries, and in his amendments to the fisheries laws. Let us examine what the wisdom of this modern Solomon has done. Many of my constituents work as fishermen on the Fraser river, and he compelled them, in addition to having Dominion licenses, to take out provincial licenses, besides cutting out a considerable number of hours during which they could work. His officials encouraged the fishermen to violate the Dominion regulations in regard to fishing on the Fraser river.

There was every effort made to promote a conflict between the Dominion and provincial officers in regard to these fisheries. For the purpose of promoting this fishermen refusing to take out a provincial license were persecuted and fined by the stipendiary magistrate, according to instructions from the attorney-general, for not having a license. They then took out licenses, and in spite of having licenses from both governments in one instance the same man was persecuted, not prosecuted, by the attorney general for fishing during prohibited hours, according to provincial regulations.

There is every reason to believe that the attorney-general deliberately framed the regulations as to hours of fishing so as to bring on a conflict between the province and the Dominion.

I know of several instances where men were summoned, appeared before the magistrate, and were told that the court was adjourned to suit the convenience of the prosecuting attorney. They were thus deprived of their day's work. Instead of fixing a day for the hearing when there was no fishing it was fixed for a time when they had to lose another day. Finally the cases were heard.

A more disgraceful condition of affairs it is impossible to imagine in any court in a British country. I heard the officials swear that the men had no licenses and had not produced any licenses when they had licenses all the time. I heard the prosecuting attorney put words into witnesses' mouths which they never uttered under oath. I heard the prosecuting attorney asking questions from a witness and when the witness said he saw fish in a boat changed "fish" into "salmon."

An Investigation Demanded.

I say that the magistrate who tried the case is an old man who, from infirmity brought on by old age, is neither mentally nor physically capable of deciding cases of this kind. I say that on the same day this took place, in presence of a man who had been persecuted, not prosecuted, as I assert, I presented these facts to the premier of this province, and demanded an investigation from him.

I stand now on the floor of parliament and demand from the attorney-general that these charges shall be examined into and an inquiry made. I say that the whole proceedings under that act have been disgraceful.

So intent was the attorney-general on persecuting these men that he had three or four cases against each of fishing without a license or fising within prohibited hours. He had all the evidence to test the constitutionality of his act if he wished to do so, but he deferred the matter. His attorney so handled the case that the men should not get an appeal. The magistrate decided that they must pay a fine or go to jail. The men did not pay the fine so as to be able to take habeas corpus proceedings and raise the whole question of the constitutionality of the law. I believe that under instructions of the prosecuting attorney the magistrate deliberately gave from one to two months for the payment of the fine, so that the men could not even bring the matter up by habeas corpus proceedings before the fishing season was over.

What Are Bowser's Intentions?

This was how the law was carried out under this modern Solomon. I am going to ask him to tell us what he is going to do, whether the judges who gave their decision in county court and full court were biassed politically or not, whether he is going to carry an appeal to the privy council or not, whether he is going to continue his persecution of my clients in this matter. They, and I as their representative, have a right to know his intentions. They were deprived of the right of earning a livelihood during a large portion of the last fishing season and I am going to ask if he intends to continue this persecution. I am not going to allow the self-adulation and effrontery of any man to deprive my constituents of their right to have their grievances redressed. (Hear, hear.) I am going to leave it to the intelligence of men on both sides of this House to say whether I have to resort to any ingenuity to discover grievances against this government. (Applause.)

Advice Was Not Taken.

What did the premier mean by the want of hearty suport of measures by the opposition? I challenge him to show me any important measure which has not been improved to a large extent by members of the opposition. The Assessment Act is a case in point. They taxed the farmer on land and personal property and crops, and rejected the help that the opposition offered, with the result that after the expense of a royal commission consisting of my friend, the president of the council, and two business men, they had to change their act almost beyond recognition. Regarding the loan bill, we did not say that the interest was too much, but that the period was too long at such a rate. We said the conditions would change inside three years, and we find that by the change in conditions in five years the loan is wiped out.

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Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., the 23rd day of December, 1908.

For School Trustee

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I beg to announce myself a candidate for the office of School Trustee at the forthcoming bye-election. Your vote and influence solicited.

D. McINTOSH.

For School Trustee

To the Electors of Victoria:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee, and solicit your votes and influence.

WALTER WALKER.

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By-Election Of School Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in Room No. 618, Public Market Building, Cormorant street, in the aforesaid City, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1909, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a person as a member of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Leonard Tait.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British Subject of the full age of twenty-one years and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee.

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BEAUTIFUL 9 roomed modern residence, nicely situated; price $6,975. Apply Owner, P. O. Box 36.

TO LET—Good, modern, 6 roomed, warm house, 732 King's road. Apply 945 Pandora street.

$250 DOWN and $25 a month will buy a half lot and five roomed house, modern conveniences, on car line. Bond & Clark, 614 Trounce avenue.

FOR SALE—New bungalow, ideal home, off Dallas road, near car line, sea view, 4 rooms, bathroom and W. C., hot and cold water, pantry, hall, all modern improvements; a snap; easy terms. Apply Owner, Box 797, Times Office.

WILL SELL CHEAP, a new 6 roomed cottage, never been occupied, with 1, 2 or 3 acres of fine land, on easy terms, only one block from car line. Call at Room 8, 1214 Government street.

FOR SALE—A nice home, well built, and a good investment; 5 room cottage, new and entirely modern, with 7 ft. basement, corner lot 50x120, situated on Hillside Ave. Empire Realty Co., 612 Yates street.

HOUSES, cottages, etc., built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material; designs and estimates free. Box 525, Times Office.

CHOICE LITTLE PROPERTY near Victoria, fine situation, beautiful surrounding views, splendidly timbered, extra well fenced and laid out; fruit trees and ornamental shrubs; stylish new house, well furnished; and with new barn, dairy, fowl house and woodshed. The whole, including furniture, stock and complete set of implements, horse, cow, buggy, waggon, etc., $1,600 per acre; terms. Address "B. C.," Times Office.

FOR RENT OR SALE—House and one acre, stables and chicken houses, at Mt. Tolmie. 525 William street, Victoria.

Houses Wanted

WANTED—Modern 6 roomed cottage, with sewer connection, within 15 minutes' walk of City Hall, price $2,000 or thereabouts; terms, substantial amount down. Apply Box 741, Times Office.

WANTED—To rent, modern seven roomed house, must be close in, rent about $25. Address House, this office.

WANTED—Five or six room furnished cottage, close in, no children. Apply P. O. Box 110.

WANTED—Housekeeping rooms, or small furnished cottage, within 10 minutes Post Office. Box 794, Times Office.

Help Wanted—Female

DRESSMAKERS WANTED—First-class waist and skirt hands. Apply Henry Young & Co.

WANTED—Saleslady for whitewear department; must have experience. Apply Mrs. M. A. Vigor, 644 Yates street.

WANTED—A waitress. Apply Dominion Hotel.

WANTED—A woman to wait on old couple; wages $20 a month. Apply Captain Moore, 318 Kingston street.

WANTED—Dressmaking. 854 Kane St.

Housekeeping Rooms

WANTED—3 or 4 rooms for light housekeeping; must be centrally located; state terms. Address Box 844, this office.

TO LET—Three unfurnished housekeeping rooms, with sink and water, rear of 87 Fort street, between Blanchard and Douglas streets.

Lost and Found

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LOST—Thursday, Jan. 21st, between Dominion Hotel and Cherrybank, black broadcloth cape, braided, fur band on collar. Reward for return to Cherrybank.

Lots for Sale

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FOR SALE—Lots 3, 4 and 5, Rockland Park, fronting on Cedar Hill road and Garden St., near new school and tram line; good soil; price $1,200 the three. Apply Geo. L. Powers, 1008 Hillside.

BELMONT AVE.—2 large lots, $1,575. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

GRANT ST.—Large lot, $600 cash. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

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YOUR CHOICE OF 20 NICE LOTS on or near Hillside avenue at $300 to $400 each; terms, $20 down, balance in four yearly payments. Fetherston, Mount Tolmie P. O.

FOR SALE—100 acres Alberni farming land. Full particulars, Box 787, Times.

FOR SALE—Lot 60x120, on Rockland Ave., near Cook. Apply owner, P. O. Box 828.

FOR SALE—2 good lots, together, in vicinity of C. P. R. wharf; ideal site for hotel or apartment house; $2,500 each; easy terms. Yates & Jay, solicitors for owner, 546 Bastion street, Victoria.

Miscellaneous

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SILVER BAND MINING CO., LTD.—The Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office, 1206 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, 10th February, 1909, at 8 p. m. F. F. Hedges, Secy.-Treasurer.

NOW IS THE TIME to have your bicycle put in first-class condition for the season. You all know it is a time saver. Why not have it ready? We will call for and deliver same. Just phone up A183. Harris & Smith, 1220 Broad St.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT—Toronto Restaurant, 1412 Store street, next Queen's Hotel. Best 15c. meal in the city. Open day and night. Try us and we will give you satisfaction. Twenty-one meal tickets for $5.

FOR RENT—Offices, from $3 to $6 per month, centrally located. Call at J. Sorensen's Tailor Shop, 1214 Government street.

BATHROOMS RENOVATED—1724 Government street. Hot or cold bath, 15c.; shampooing, 25c.

EVERY SUFFERER FROM RHEUMATISM can be cured by wearing a Lion Anti-Rheumatic Ring. For sale by Redfern, Government street.

FOR FRESH CIGARS and tobaccos, and all the latest news, see Joe McDowell, King's Head Cigar and News Stand, next to Pantages.

MISS GALLICHAN, Dressmaker, 1412 Quadra street.

WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, to make profitable mining investments, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Most interesting report free. Engineer, 708 Ouray, Washington, D. C.

MISS WILSON, Dressmaker, has removed her workrooms from the Promis Block to her home on Oak Bay avenue, 3rd house past Foul Bay road. Phone B1605.

NOTICE—For the next six weeks I, the undersigned will sell cordwood in four-foot lengths and take sawing machine to cut it in yards, alleyways and vacant lots, in lots of 4 cords and upwards. Try the old way and see what you are getting. J. E. Grice, 2022 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 149.

TO LET—Offices in Bank of Montreal Chambers. Apply Bank of Montreal.

THE LATEST sheet metal electric signs. J. Morket, maker, Victoria, B. C.

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Help Wanted—Male

MANAGER WANTED for general store at Ladysmith (dry goods and groceries). Applicant must be first-class man, good experience in office work and capable of managing a large business. Good salary and free residence. Apply Simon Leiser & Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C.

BOY, with wheel, wanted for all day work. Angus Campbell & Co., Limited.

A LIVE REPRESENTATIVE at Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Chilliwack, Nanaimo, for our made-to-measure clothing. Local testimonials from pleased customers. Good proposition to right party. The Consumers' Tailoring Co., Toronto, Ont.

Acreage for Sale

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FOR SALE—Beautifully situated fruit and fowl ranch, about one mile from car terminus, $850 per acre, including stylish house and furniture, good outhouses, live stock and implements; everything in first-class condition; half cash, balance mortgage. Apply "S. G.," Times Office.

GRAND BUILDING SITE—1 acre, Oak Bay Ave., facing 3 streets, $4,000; terms. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

SPECIAL—7 acres, 5½ acres cleared, good soil, for $1,350, just off Saanich road. Apply to Swinerton & Oddy, 1206 Government street.

TIMBER—Before buying or selling timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Mahon Bldg., Victoria. Phone 1625.

FOR SALE—160-acre farm on Galiano Island, 8½ miles from new government wharf, 75 acres of good land, 10 to 15 acres cleared, 25 acres slashed, 2 roomed shack, plenty of good spring water, a few fruit trees, a portion of land fenced, a good road to property, $700 has been laid out by former owner in clearing and fencing, coal right goes with the land, two companies own coal rights in the vicinity, plenty of good timber; $2,300 cash, $1,500, $1,500 down, balance to arrange. Apply 733 Broughton street.

FOR SALE—Eighteen acres good fruit land, eight miles from Victoria; all kinds buggies, wagons and carts, horses and harness; also yoke young oxen, well broken, and twenty-five young pigs. I. J. J. Fisher, Carriage Shop, Discovery street.

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THE TOWN WITH A SPLENDID FUTURE.

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A PORTION of ONE of the FINEST SECTIONS of LAND in ALBERNI has been SUBDIVIDED into TOWN LOTS, with a fine GRADED ROAD RUNNING THROUGH THEM.

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A SURE MONEY MAKER FOR SOME ONE—Lot on Cook street, new car line, ten minutes' walk from Post Office, $650, on easy terms.

FINE CORNER, LINDEN AVE. AND CHAPMAN STREET—A big snap for $525; this is a low price for this, the opposite corner was sold for $650.

CALEDONIA AVENUE—Level, grassy lot, 48x140, with permanent sidewalk, etc., $750; on terms to suit you.

PORT SIMPSON—A block of 20 well situated lots, assessed for $1,000, owner will sell them for $500, terms.

THE GRIFFITH CO.

Room 11, MAHON BLDG. Tel. 1462
REALTY, TIMBER, INSURANCE.

COTTAGE—SIX ROOMS,
QUEBEC STREET,
IN FINE CONDITION.

Modern, Good Plumbing.
Fine Bath and Closets.
Concrete Foundations.
Cement Walks.
Lot 60x120.
12 Bearing Fruit Trees.
Nice Home; Good District.
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$2,950.

Miscellaneous Goods for Sale

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FOR SALE—A cow (newly calved). Apply 133 Joseph street.

FOR SALE—Sea-going schooner yacht, fastest on Pacific; launched July, 1907; cost $15,000; beautifully furnished saloon, state room and galley; length 75, beam 17, depth 9; price $6,000. American register. Address Box 888, Times Office.

LADY wishes to dispose of very pretty rings, cheap. Apply Times Box 892.

RELIABLE ALARM CLOCKS—From $1 up. Redfern & Sons, Government St.

FOR SALE—A quiet mare to ride or drive; also buggy and harness; price $140. Apply "Mare," Times Office.

FOR SALE—A thoroughbred Durham cow, in full milk, 4 years old; price $40. Hay would be taken in whole or in part payment. 1519 Elford street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, one 3 h. p. gasoline motor, with all fittings. Address P. O. Box 67.

FOR SALE—A very fine grade Jersey-Durham heifer, 12 months old; price $25. Hay or carrots would be taken in whole or part payment. 1519 Elford St.

ON SALE—Bay colt, 13 years old, gentle, but spirited. Box 882, this office.

ON SALE—New No. 3 Chatham incubator, 18 cocks, hens, pullets; cheap. Box 882, this office.

FOR SALE—Furniture and business of boarding house. Apply Box 848, Times Office.

FOR SALE—A fresh calved cow. Apply 1335 Edmonton road, Spring Ridge.

LOOK AHEAD—Buy Port Angeles property now before the boom commences. Owner will sell block of 10 good lots for $75. This is a snap. Apply P. O. Box 108.

CORDWOOD—1st quality, $5.50; 2nd, $5; also cut wood. Hull, phone 1124.

FOR SALE—Fine iron bed and spring, a bargain, $10; solid oak bed set, nearly new Victoria range; gent's English saddle and set of spurs; set of elk's horns; fine brass candlesticks and other goods, at bargains, at the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

EXTRA LARGE Columbian Disc Gramophone, with 45 select records, price $50 complete. Apply 350 St. James street.

FOR SALE—360 Cyphers incubator and 3 brooders, price $50. Apply "Brooder," Times Office.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCRIP FOR SALE. J. A. Flanders, 369 Main street, Winnipeg.

FOR SALE—Manure and black soil. Burt's Wood Yard. Telephone 828.

FOR SALE—62-foot launch, equipped with Fairbank's-Morse engines, everything first-class, whole outfit almost new. Apply Times Office for names of owners.

FOR SALE—Incubator and brooder. Apply 1138 Johnson street.

FOR SALE—Underhill shingle hatchets, $1.75; claw hammers, 50c.; steel squares, $1.50; two ft. rules, 20c.; tent, $3.50; guaranteed alarm clocks, $1.25; tool sets, 10 tools, 75c.; automatic bachelor buttons, 15c. package. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 56 Johnson St., 4 doors below Government. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—One second-hand Houston tenoner, one Smith mortiser, one shaper, one ten-inch sticker, one small dynamo, one small engine; also 6 heavy horses. Apply Taylor Mill Company, 2116 Government St., or P. O. Box 628.

WANTED—500 lots of cast off clothing for out of town market. For sale, gas ranges; coaster bikes, $3 up; Waltham watches, $5 up; 240-lb. scales $4 up; small organ, $15; overalls, 75c., reg. $1. At the XL Second-Hand Store, opposite Pantages Theatre, in alley. F. J. Brittancourt.

FOR SALE—A few new buggies, latest style, second-hand buggies, wagons and carts, two good fresh calved cows; also all kinds of horses. Apply at I. J. J. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 642 Discovery street.

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ROCK BAY AVENUE (on car line)—$4,500 will buy 8 roomed house, in perfect condition, large cellar, bath, toilet, summer kitchen, suitable for rooming house.

PORT ANGELES—Now is your opportunity for acquiring lots or acreage upon easy terms and at reasonable prices.

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FOR SALE.

GOOD BUILDING LOTS,
In James Bay, 60x120,
For $700 Per Lot.

LOT 60x158,
On Linden avenue,
For $1,100.

A NUMBER OF LOTS 40x160,
On Dupplin street,
Each $325,
On Easy Monthly Instalment Plan.

HALF ACRE LOTS,
On Cloverdale avenue,
For $500.

FINE BUILDING SITES, 50x132,
On Fell street, off Oak Bay avenue,
For $500.

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TO LET—Furnished room in modern house, for gentleman, close in, no other roomers. Apply Box 885, Times Office.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOM, for one or two gentlemen. 1042 Yates street.

FOR RENT—Large furnished front room. 1107 Yates.

TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, with or without board, in a private family, hot and cold water, bath, electric light; terms moderate. Apply 1027 Caledonia avenue.

THE POODLE DOG is now prepared to rent well furnished rooms on reasonable terms, weekly and monthly. It will be the aim of Mr. Coopman, the new proprietor, to maintain for this house a spotless reputation.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, single or double, electric lights in every room, 25c., 35c. and 50c. per night. 716 Yates street.

TO LET—Comfortable furnished rooms, electric light and bath, $5, $6 and $7 a month. 1011 Scoresby, 2nd house from Vancouver street.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, with or without board. Maplehurst, 1037 Blanchard street.

TO RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom, suitable for married couple or two gentlemen. Kentholm, 1117 Yates. Phone A1829.

WANTED—Six roomers and boarders, first-class accommodation; terms, $24 per month. Apply Mrs. Taylor, 1136 Caledonia.

WELL FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—Suit one or two. 941 View street.

TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms. 949 Fort street. Phone B1248.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, single or double, electric lights in every room. Apply 716 Yates street.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—5 minutes from P.O., $7 per month. 834 Fort street.

ROOM AND BOARD for 4 or 5 persons, home comforts. Apply Box 67, Times Office.

FURNISHED ROOMS from $1 a month; rooms and board, $5.50 a week. 721 Pleasant street, city.

TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, with or without board. 725 Vancouver street.

TO LET—2 unfurnished rooms. 427 Government street.

Situations Vacant

AGENTS WANTED—Good profits, even boys and girls earn $5 to $12 per week. Ontario Seed Co., 23 King St., Waterloo, Ont.

Situations Wanted—Female

EXPERIENCED NURSE (infants) requires position; references. Address Box 887, Times Office.

EXPERIENCED NURSE is open for engagement, reasonable terms; also good plain sewer, $1 per day. Box 865, Times Office.

Teachers Wanted.

WANTED—A lady teacher for the "Emanuel" public school; salary per month, $50. Apply to A. S. McKay, secretary, "Emanuel" School Board, Bamfield, B. C.

TEACHER WANTED—A teacher for the Presbyterian Indian Mission school at Ucluelet; comfortable cottage for teacher at the Mission. Apply with testimonials, to Rev. Dr. Campbell, Victoria, B. C.

Wanted—Board and Rooms

LADY WANTS 1 large room with use of kitchen, for light housekeeping, for 6 months, in James Bay. Apply Box 880, Times Office.

WANTED—By young business man, warm room, central; state terms. Box 874, Times Office.

Wanted—Miscellaneous

WANTED—6 pure bred Barred Rocks and rooster; also 4 Rhode Island Reds and rooster. Apply Box 877, Times Office.

WANTED—From 2 to 5 acres improved land with buildings, near city. Box 692.

WANTED—A well situated lot for residential purposes, on Yates, Linden or James Bay, near Park. Reply "Lots," P. O. Box 423.

WANTED—To exchange, automobile for real estate. Apply Woodworkers, Ltd., 731 Johnson street.

WANTED—Canadian Northwest Oil stock in exchange for good building lots close to Willows car line. Box 663, Times Office.

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$250—Lot on Harriet road, just outside city limits; easy terms.

$420—A number of lots 50 ft. x 120 ft. each, Fairfield Estate, just off car line; first-class soil, no rock; easy terms.

$500—Large lots, 51 ft. 8 in. x 157 ft. 6 in., facing south, and just 1 block off car line; easy terms.

GORGE ROAD SUB-DIVISION—Lots from $100 to $500 each (chiefly yunder cultivation, no rock); $25 cash and $10 per month will buy any of them. Reduction made for cash; also reduction at the rate of $100 per acre if buyer takes 3 or more lots.

MOSS STREET—2 2-5 acres, large frontage on Moss street, just off car line; all high land, cleared and under cultivation; $4,000; terms.

ST. CHARLES STREET—2 acres, on corner, $4,000; terms.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—$1,500 per acre for lots all cleared and under cultivation, rich black loam, one block off Esquimalt road; terms.

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NEW 8 ROOMED DWELLING, modern in every respect, including furnace; centrally located and beautifully situated, commands an excellent view; $9,000; terms.

OAK BAY AVENUE—Handsome residence, with grounds, fruit and shade trees, 1 acre of land all planted with fruit of all descriptions, $12,000; terms.

MENZIES STREET—9 roomed dwelling, large lot 70 ft. x 149 ft., $4,500; terms.

STANLEY AVENUE—7 roomed modern dwelling, corner lot, stone foundation, all in first-class order, $3,300; $1,000 cash only required, balance easy.

VINING STREET—5 roomed cottage and 3 lots, each 53 ft. x 132 ft., only $2,650; house is in good order, and easy terms can be arranged.

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OSWEGO STREET—2 story house and large lot, only $3,150; easy terms.

SIMCOE STREET—New cottage and lot 59 ft. x 129 ft., facing south, $1,600; $500 cash, balance 1 and 2 years at 7 per cent.

Lodges

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 4, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street. R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec., 237 Government street.

COURT CARIBOO, NO. 742, I.O.F.—Meets on second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Pandora and Douglas streets. Visiting Foresters welcomed. F. Sec., E. Parsons, Lee & Fraser, Trounce ave.; J. W. H. King, R. Sec., 1361 Pandora street.

COMPANION COURT FAR WEST, I. O. F., No. 379, meets first and third Mondays each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Douglas and Pandora streets. Isabelle Moore, Financial Secretary, 541 Hillside Ave., city.

K. OF P.—No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday, K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Sts. H. Weber, K. of R. & S. Box 544.

VICTORIA, NO. 17, K. of P., meets at K. of P. Hall every Thursday. D. S. Mowat, K. of R. & S. Box 164.

A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5935, meets at K. of P. Hall 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Secy.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. W., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in month at A. O. U. W. Hall. Members of Order visiting the city cordially invited to attend. R. Dunn, recorder.

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We have a good many pieces of second-hand furniture, as we are buying and exchanging every day.
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Lieut.-Colonel Howell, of Toronto, is on a visit to the Coast, and will conduct the meetings in connection with the Salvation Army in the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday at 11 a. m., 3 and 7.30 p. m. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Howell, who, although not as well known in Victoria as the Colonel, will be warmly welcomed, having made many friends during a short stay in the city some years ago.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, Commissioner Elijah Cadman, of London, Eng., will lecture in the same building. The commissioner has seen many years of service in the Army, being one of General Booth's earliest converts and the first to bear the rank of captain.

Work is being rushed on the Salvation Army hall on Broad street, and Staff-Sergt. Hayes hopes to re-open it about March 1st.

BANK TO INCREASE STOCK.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the Royal Bank of Canada it was announced that new stock to the amount of 11,000 shares will be issued in the near future, which will make the capital paid up $5,000,000.

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JOHN OLIVER RIDDLES GOVERNMENT RECORD

(Continued from page 10.)

Hon. Mr. Tatlow—The province lost nothing.

Mr. Oliver—No, but that does not alter the fact that we said that conditions would improve. (Hear, hear.) If our help has not been taken advantage of it is owing to the density of our friends opposite. The government's timber policy was going to give relief in five years. In two years after it was in operation they found it necessary to depart from the principle of 1903, while the principle introduced in 1905 has worked so disastrously that inside of three years the government was forced to put a reserve on the balance of the timber. If the policy of 1905 was good why was it not good in 1908? That reservation was the wisest thing that the government has done since it took office.

The Land Policy.

I must devote some little time to my friend from The Islands (Mr. McPhillips.) The Liberal policy in regard to lands is as different from his as the poles are asunder. I am a democrat; he is imbued with the Toryism of four hundred years ago. He thinks the settler should not go in on the land until it has been surveyed. I have in my hand a prospectus of the Appleton Land Company. It has an agency in Vancouver with which very intimate friends of the attorney-general are connected. James A. Harvey, of Cranbrook, is said in this circular to be largely interested in this company as well as in others in Kootenay. He is spoken of as a man of great executive ability. In consequence of his executive ability he allies himself with the Conservative party, and as it is the party to give a chance to the speculator, of course Mr. Harvey gets a chance.

The company say they have 52,120 acres of the very best part of the choicest localities. I am going to ask the government if this company has complied with the land laws. I am not going to take the chief commissioner's answer that South African scrip is going to be located there. We will find out how much scrip has been located before we get through. I am going to ask if they have complied with subsection 11 of section 34 of the act, and before applying for a second pre-emption had the certificate of the improvement of the first. We want to see whether these lands were acquired by means of agents of these men working in with the surveyors. The people want to know these things. They are getting interested in the land question and want to know a lot of things. (Hear, hear.)

Speculation in Lands.

This company is advertising these lands in Winnipeg and offering them to settlers at from $12 to $30 an acre. Imagine the conditions. Hundreds of miles away from a railway, ninety miles from a wagon road, and settlers by means of such circulars are induced to go in there at immense expense only to find that the land the government advertises as available is blanketed by a land company. According to the Victoria papers I see one Rattenbury has been getting in on the ground floor, and sold 11,000 acres for $100,000, some nine dollars an acre, to another land company which holds it for a still higher price. There is 63,000 acres accounted for of these lands surveyed in the Nechaco valley. We also find that Rattenbury holds land in the Bulkley valley. Is he the only one? In this morning's paper we read that another Victorian has sold 11,200 acres of Nechaco valley lands to a Seattle man for $140,000. There are 74,000 acres in that one district gone to speculators.

This is the result of the land policy of the present government of British Columbia. Is it in the interests of the province? Ninety per cent of the white population is in the towns and cities. Is that a healthy state of affairs? In a depression like that of fourteen years ago, when the province had to furnish work to keep people from starving, what would be the condition with such a population in our urban communities now? This condition is largely the result of the policy which prevents the settler getting out on the land. (Hear, hear.) A Seattle group of speculators has sixty claims of 640 acres each, or some 40,000 acres, on Graham Island. This is an American firm. The other day the premier, in dealing with the forestry question, said there was no hurry, that he was getting advice from American experts. We will probably get advice from American experts how to deal with the land question. (Hear, hear.)

Worse Than Ireland.

I say the government of the day is allowing the creation by these land speculators of a condition in British Columbia equal to, if not worse than, anything which ever existed in Ireland. I say they are doing that in face of the results which are being pointed out to them year after year. I ask them to rise to the surface and to consider the advantage of British Columbia as a whole. (Hear, hear.) Another American company has a twenty year concession of grazing lands at Chilcotin. These Americans are gobbling up our timber and mines and lands. If this policy goes on the people of British Columbia will be simply hewers of wood and drawers of water for the American people.

I have also to complain that those holding hundreds of thousands of acres of timber and pulp concessions have never complied with the statutory conditions, and are holding it at a rental of only two cents an acre. These favored individuals are enabled to hold these lands, although not entitled to hold them, as against the bona fide lumberman who has to pay a rental of eighteen to twenty-two cents an acre. I ask the government to remedy this.

The People's Policy.

The policy of the Liberal party is one which will make the interests of the lumberman identical with that of the people, that will work hand in hand with them for the development of our province. Our policy is the agricultural land for the agricultural settler only and exclusively, upon conditions of residence and cultivation. I say that I believe thoroughly that it is to the best interests of this country to give to the willing worker free access to the soil. It is a right God Almighty has given him and which you, by your legislature, have deprived him of. I say you are criminally guilty when you thus deprive him of what the Almighty intended for him.

We believe that the policy of the government is not to the advantage of the country. We have here a great country, a country immensely rich. If it had not been so it could never have stood the raids made upon its natural resources during the last thirty years. It is the duty of the representatives of the people of this province to set party predilections and party hatreds, which work to the disadvantage of the country, to one side and view the conditions from a patriotic standpoint, and see that all legislation shall be for the whole people without respect to any individuals. If the premier will introduce legislation of this kind for the consideration of this legislature, we on this side will give that legislation our most hearty support. (Prolonged cheers.)

The attorney-general moved the adjournment of the debate and the House rose immediately after, at 4:35 p. m.

MOVE ADVOCATED IN ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

Council of Board of Trade Dealt With Subject This Morning.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade this morning, with the president, Simon Leiser, in the chair, Col. Prior, president of the Vancouver Island Development league, reported that the fifteen delegates who attended the conference here last week had returned to their homes and were now engaged in forming branches of the league, while at the same time Victoria was not moving very actively, no action having been commenced. The matter was referred by the Board of Trade council to the Vancouver Island committee to take up.

Letters were received from Hon. Wm. Templeman, G. H. Barnard, M. P., and R. Smith, M. P., in reply to the board's resolution regarding dry dock accommodation. Mr. Smith, in whose constituency the dock is, wrote he was in sympathy with the proposal of increased docking facilities and would give all the assistance he could. He said a competent engineer should be sent out by the government to report generally on the matter.

J. A. Wood, director of exploitation at the A. Y. P. fair, advised that Mr. Hutchison, Canadian exploitation commissioner, would be in Seattle by February 1st prepared to proceed with the erection of the Dominion government building on the fair grounds.

Mr. Barnard, M. P., wrote he had ascertained from the deputy minister of agriculture that the Dominion government intends to provide $75,000 for the building and exhibit at the A. Y. P. fair. The reception committee's report on the Vancouver Island Development league luncheon was received and a vote of thanks tendered the committee.

The secretary of the Natural History Society wrote bringing the attention of the board to the fact that the Imperial International exhibition will be held in London this summer and asking that the matter be given publicity.

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CLOSING DAY OF POULTRY EXHIBITION

To-night Will Be Last Night to See the Show.

Last evening the market building was well filled with people who went to witness the poultry show, and to encourage the committee in charge of the affair. This is the last day of the show and it is expected that it will be largely attended. The reason for closing on Friday is to give exhibitors a chance to get their stock away before Sunday.

The winning number in the tombola drawing last evening was No. 278, and was held by Mr. Greenwood. The winning number of the evening before, No. 86, has not yet been claimed. Mr. Greenwood is now the possessor of a pen of white leghorns, presented by Y. S. Wootton.

Mr. Denny will to-night give another talk on one of the classes of birds, and will also answer any questions which may be asked by the public. Additional prize winners are as follows:

POULTRY.

Light Brahmas.

Cocks—1st, H. Hodgson; 2nd, Jones & Newberry; 3rd, H. Hodgson.
Cockerels—1st, and 2nd, J. B. Pearley; 3rd, Jones & Newberry.
Hens—1st, Jones & Newberry; 2nd, H. Hodgson; 3rd, Jones & Newberry.
Pullets—1st and 2nd, H. Hodgson; 3rd, Jones & Newberry.
Pen.—1st, H. Hodgson; 2nd and 3rd, Jones & Newberry.

White Wyandotte.

Cockerels—1st and 2nd, H. T. Rodamacher; 3rd, S. Y. Wootton.
Hens—1st and 2nd, H. L. Radamacher; 3rd, T. H. Kingscote.
Pullets—1st, H. L. Radamacher; 2nd, S. Y. Wootton; 3rd, W. Walker.
Pen—1st, H. L. Radamacher; 2nd, S. Y. Wootton; 3rd, H. L. Radamacher.

Golden Laced Wyandottes.

Cockerels—1st, 2nd and 3rd, Jas. Flett.
Hens—2nd, Jas. Flett.
Pullets—1st and 2nd, Jas. Flett.
Pen—2nd, Jas. Flett.

Buff Wyandottes.

Cocks—2nd, J. J. Sheppard, Cobble Hill.
Hens—2nd and 3rd, J. J. Sheppard.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes.

Hens—2nd, Jas. Flett.
Cocks—3rd, Wm. Baylis.
Pullets—2nd, Wm. Baylis.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Red.

Cocks—Mrs. S. J. Martineau, Sidney.
Cockerels—1st, Jas. Taylor; 2nd and 3rd, W. E. Nachtrieb.
Pullets—2nd, Jas. Taylor.
Pen—2nd, A. B. Ormond; 3rd, H. Fleming.

Dark Brahmas.

Pullets—3rd, W. Walker, New Westminster.

White Langshans.

Second and 3rd, Jones & Newberry, Nanaimo.

RABBITS.

Belgian Hares.

Buck—1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. P. Sylvester.
Doe—1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. P. Sylvester.

Angora Rabbits.

Doe—1st, Shore and Flinton.

NELSON SECURES LOWER FREIGHT RATES

New Tariff Affecting Kootenay District Will Be Issued by February 1st.

Nelson, Jan. 28.—The freight rates question was the subject of considerable discussion at the last meeting of the board of trade, the subject being introduced by a report of the railway committee presented by H. G. Goodeve, chairman, which was as follows:

"Your committee begs to report that a settlement has been arrived at and new tariffs affecting the district of Kootenay have been promised to be issued by the 1st February next.

"Your committee desire to recognize the very friendly spirit in which their delegates were met by Mr. Lanigan of the Canadian Pacific railway and Mr. Burnham of the Great Northern Railway Company at the meeting held with these gentlemen, while the whole of what was asked for on your behalf was not granted, concessions that will affect the rates into the district and which should prove eventually a considerable effect in promoting wholesale business throughout it, were obtained.

"These concession affect third, fourth, and fifth class and lower rates as well as very substantially the rate on certain commodities.

"Looking to the fact that the Spokane claims for better rates are not yet settled, your committee feels justified in expressing the hope that the arrangements they have made will not only be considered satisfactory by this board, but by the whole district of Kootenay.

"The committee highly appreciates the value of the services rendered by E. K. Beeston in preparing and submitting this case.

"In regard to express rates, no cases have as yet been brought to the attention of this committee."

The reductions secured were satisfactory to the members as a whole. W. H. Jones, member of the railroad committee, took strong objection to the settlement reached and also to the manner in which the conference had been conducted. Mr. Jones' chief objection was that the reduction applied to carload lots only and therefore did not benefit the consumer or small dealer. He also took the ground that the reductions granted were not sufficient. Mr. Jones' remarks were replied to by Fred Stickey, who pointed out that on canned goods the rate had been lowered from $1.70 per hundred pounds to $1.45 per hundred pounds, which meant a saving of from $75 to $80 per car. As a result of the reduction Nelson wholesalers would be able to compete with Vancouver. There were reductions on eggs, butter, cheese, poultry and that class of stuff in keeping with that on canned goods. As to less than carload lots, Mr. Lanigan had told the representatives of the board that if they insisted in discussing them the conference was at an end; in other words, he positively refused to discuss the matter.

NELSON'S NEXT MATCH.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 29.—Reports from the Pacific coast say that Battling Nelson and Packy McFarland will be matched for a contest on March 17th. McFarland's return east will be postponed for a few days pending the latest negotiations.

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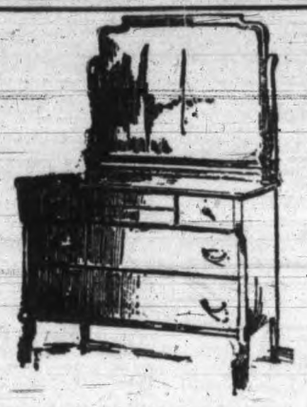

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At the store at the corner of Government and Cormorant streets the winning numbers were as follows:—1st, 2027; 2nd, 611; 3rd, 2157; 4th, 1618; 5th, 2418; 6th, 2425; 7th, 789; 8th, 2146; 9th, 921; 10th, 2839; 11th, 801; 12th, 120; 13th, 1221; 14th, 2814; 15th, 443; 16th, 1833; 17th, 1044; 18th, 3064; 19th, 873; 20th, 816; 21st, 1428; 22nd, 768; 23rd, 707; 24th, 170; 25th, 877; 26th, 2912; 27th, 3323; 28th, 3328; 29th, 1120; 30th, 2606; 31st, 2571.

KING MENELIK ILL.

Death of Abyssinian Monarch May Be Followed by Uprising.

Rome, Jan. 29.—A special dispatch received here from Abyssinia says that while King Menelik is ill his condition is not so bad as has been reported.

Italy, France and Great Britain have reached an understanding for the protection of European Abyssinia in the event of an uprising if the king should die.

GERMANY IN PACIFIC.

Melbourne, Jan. 29.—The German consul general here denies the statement made by Major Cooke Daniels at Vancouver, that Germany has established a strong naval base at Simonshaven, New Guinea.

Seven million persons are employed in the cultivation of the vine in France.